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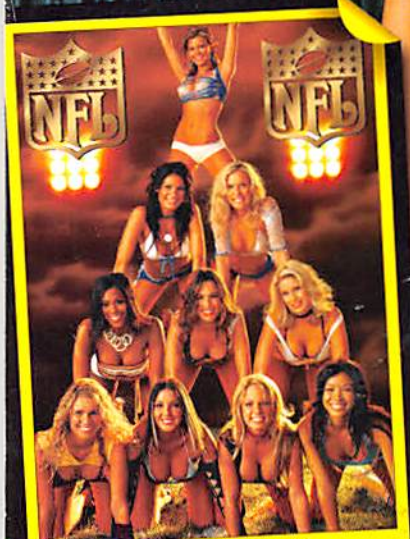

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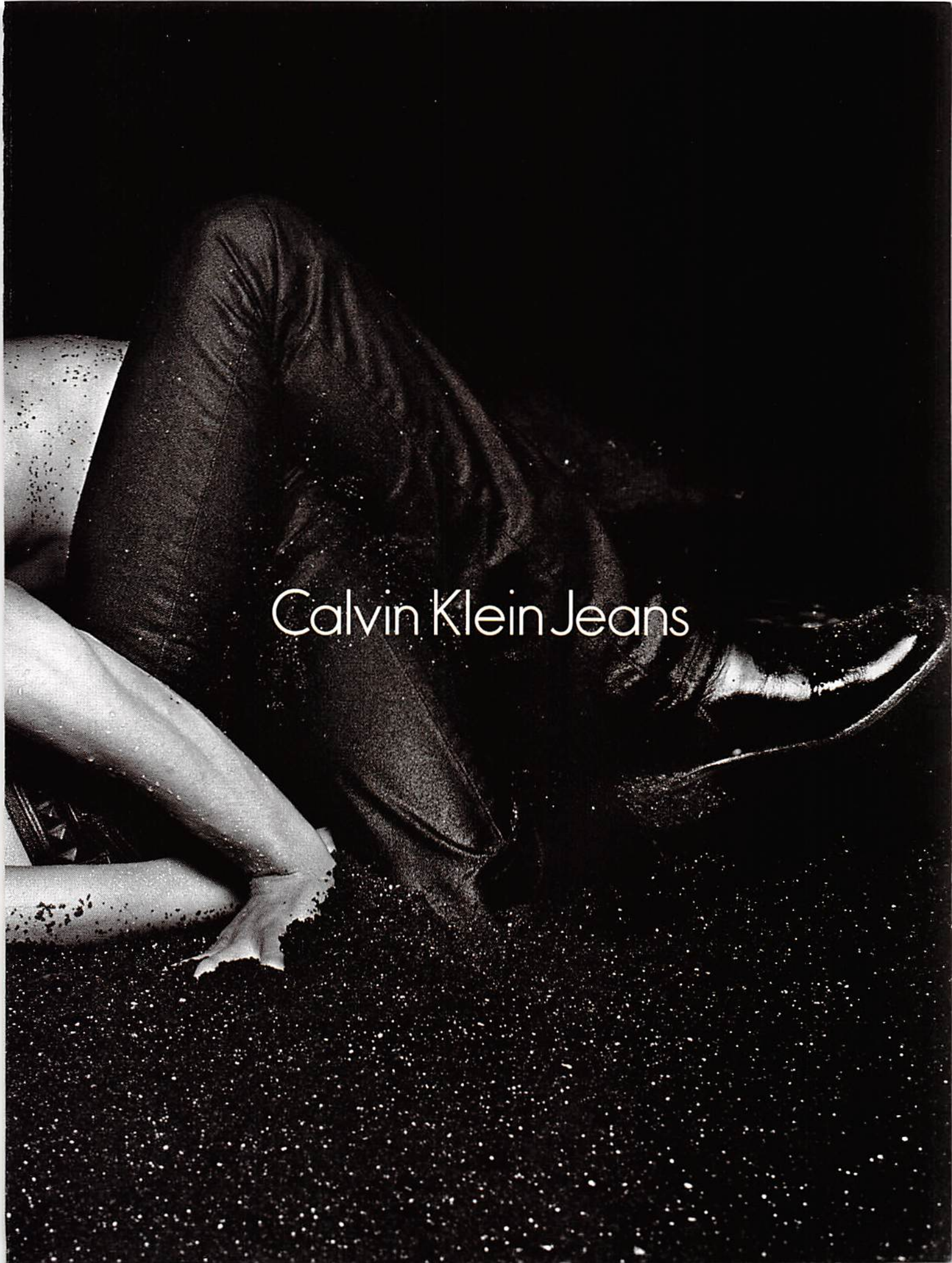
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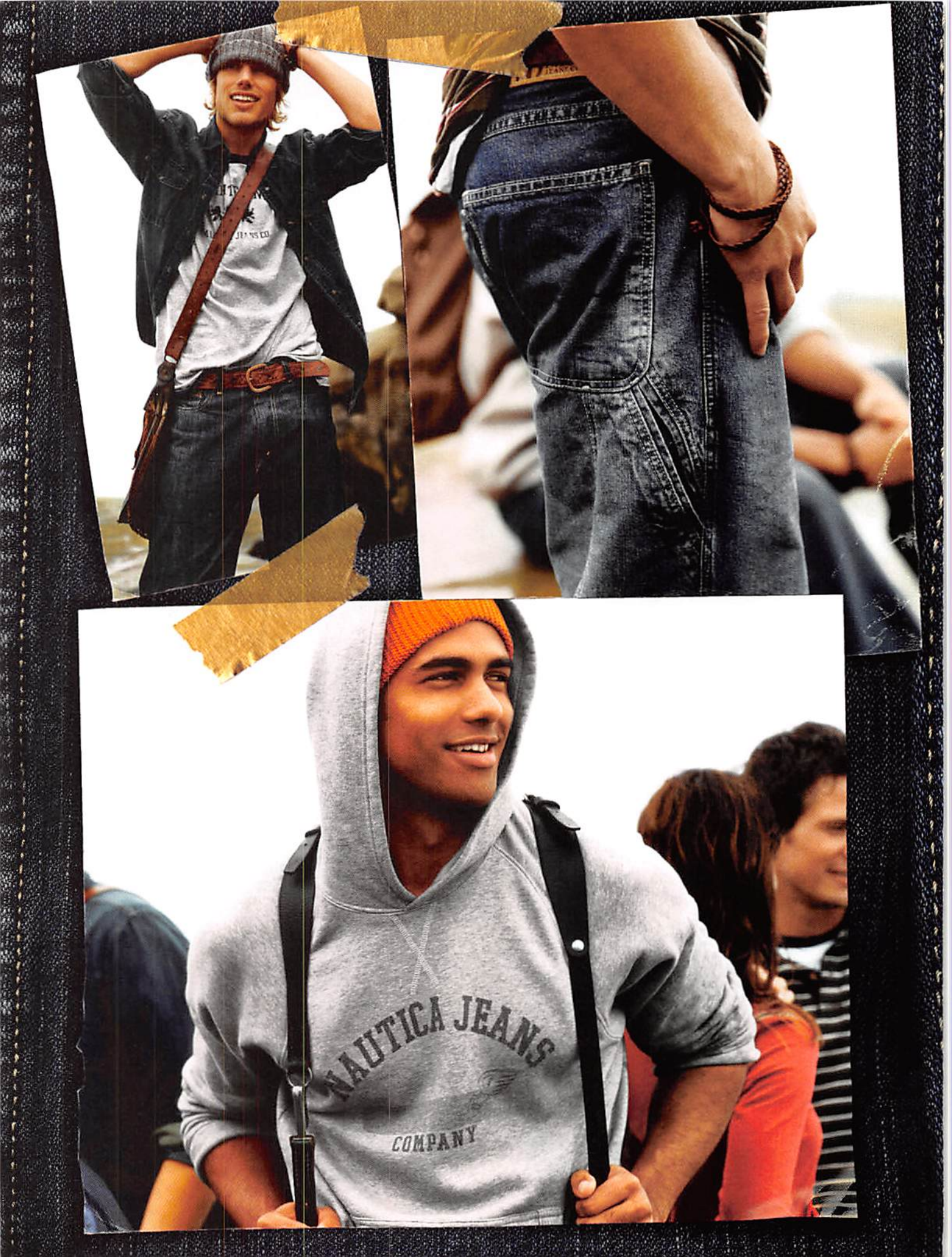
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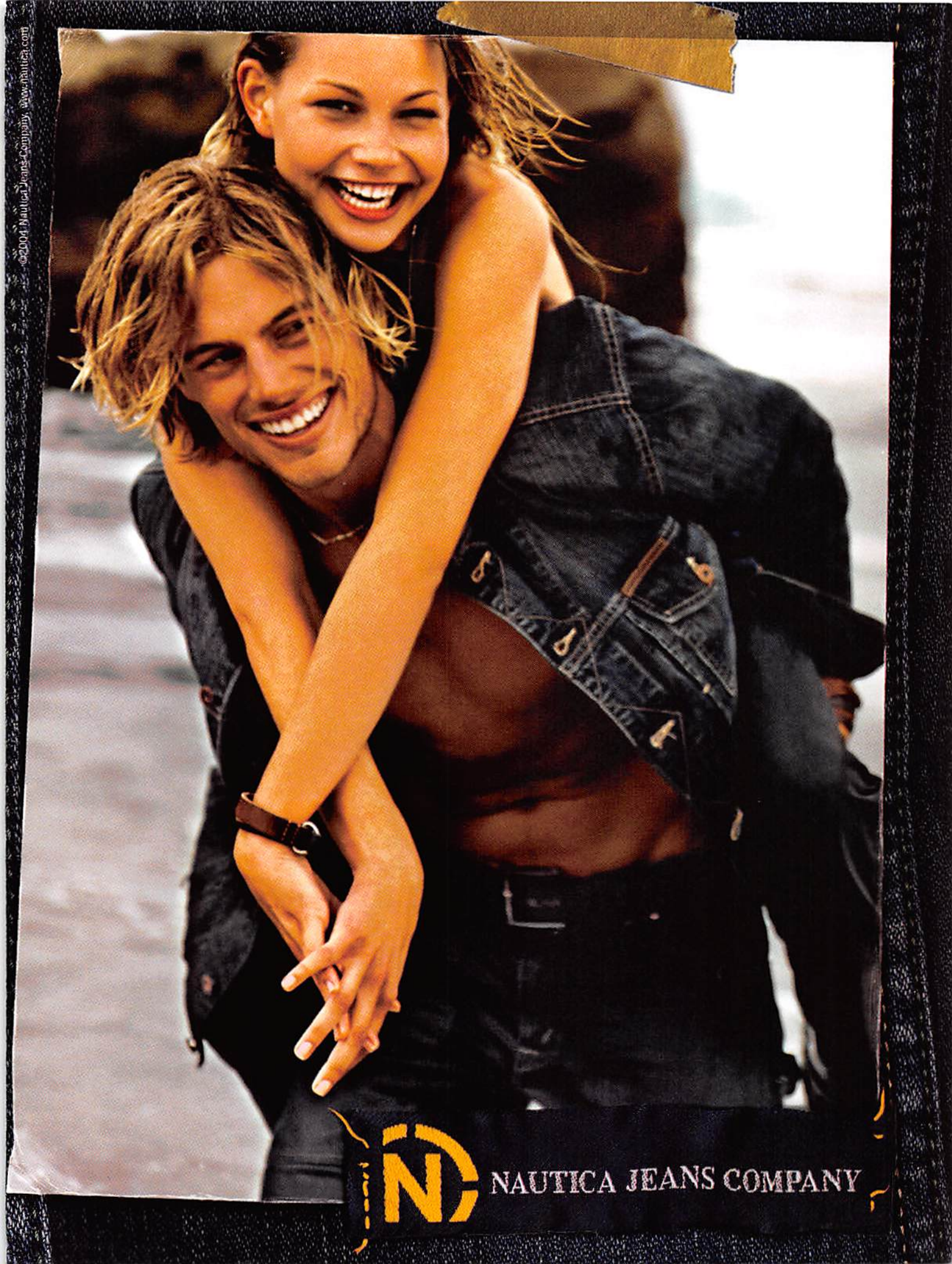

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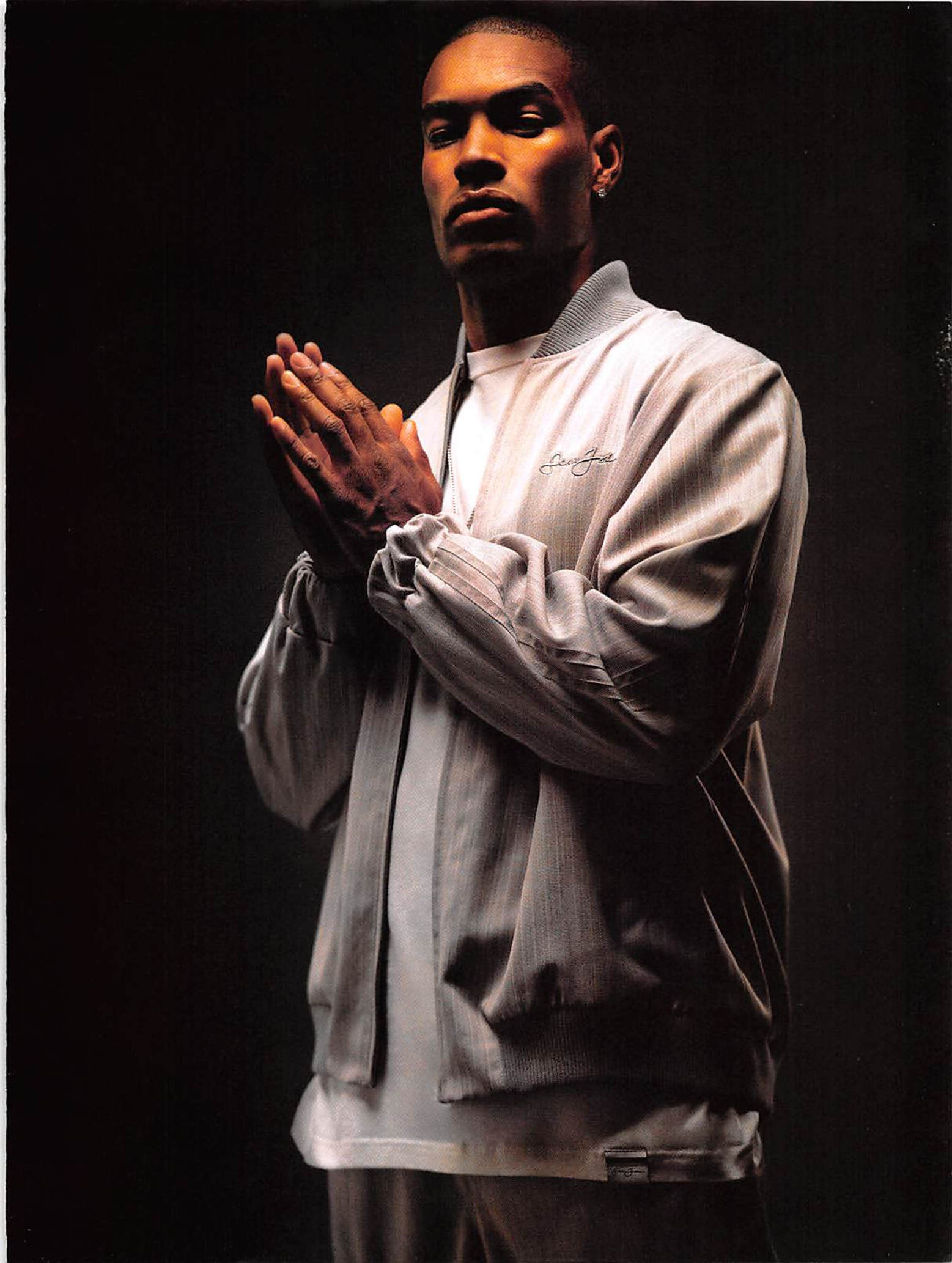

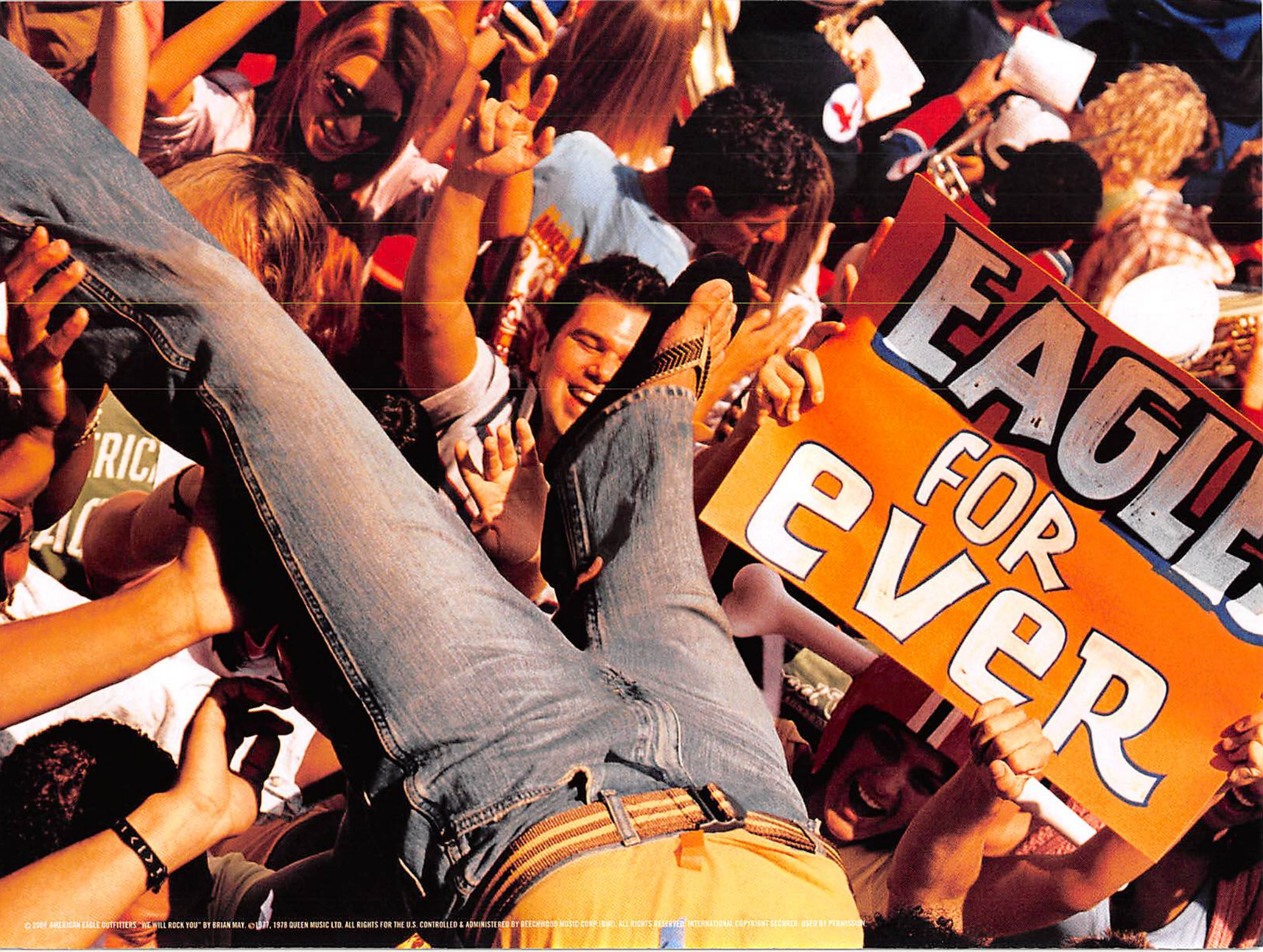

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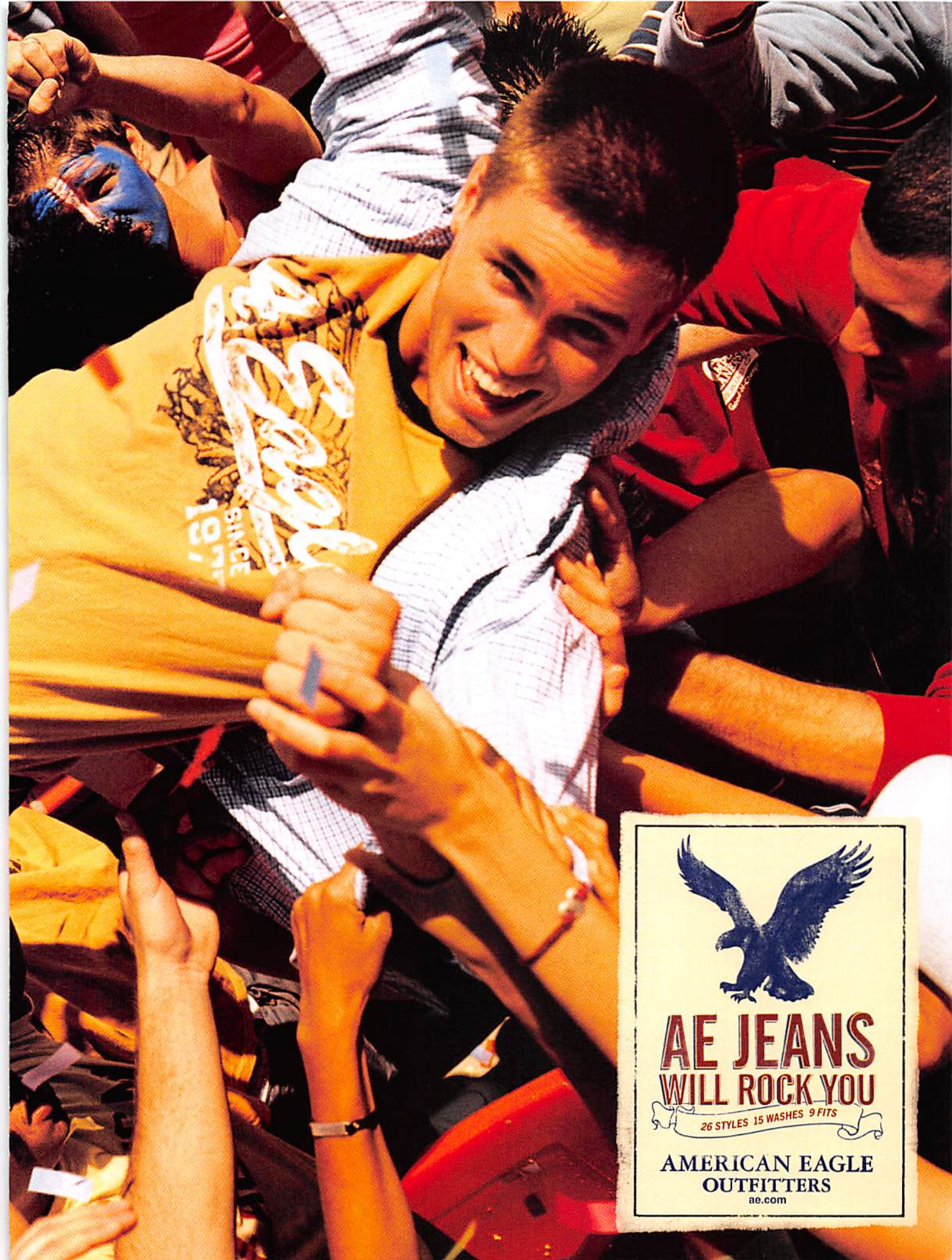
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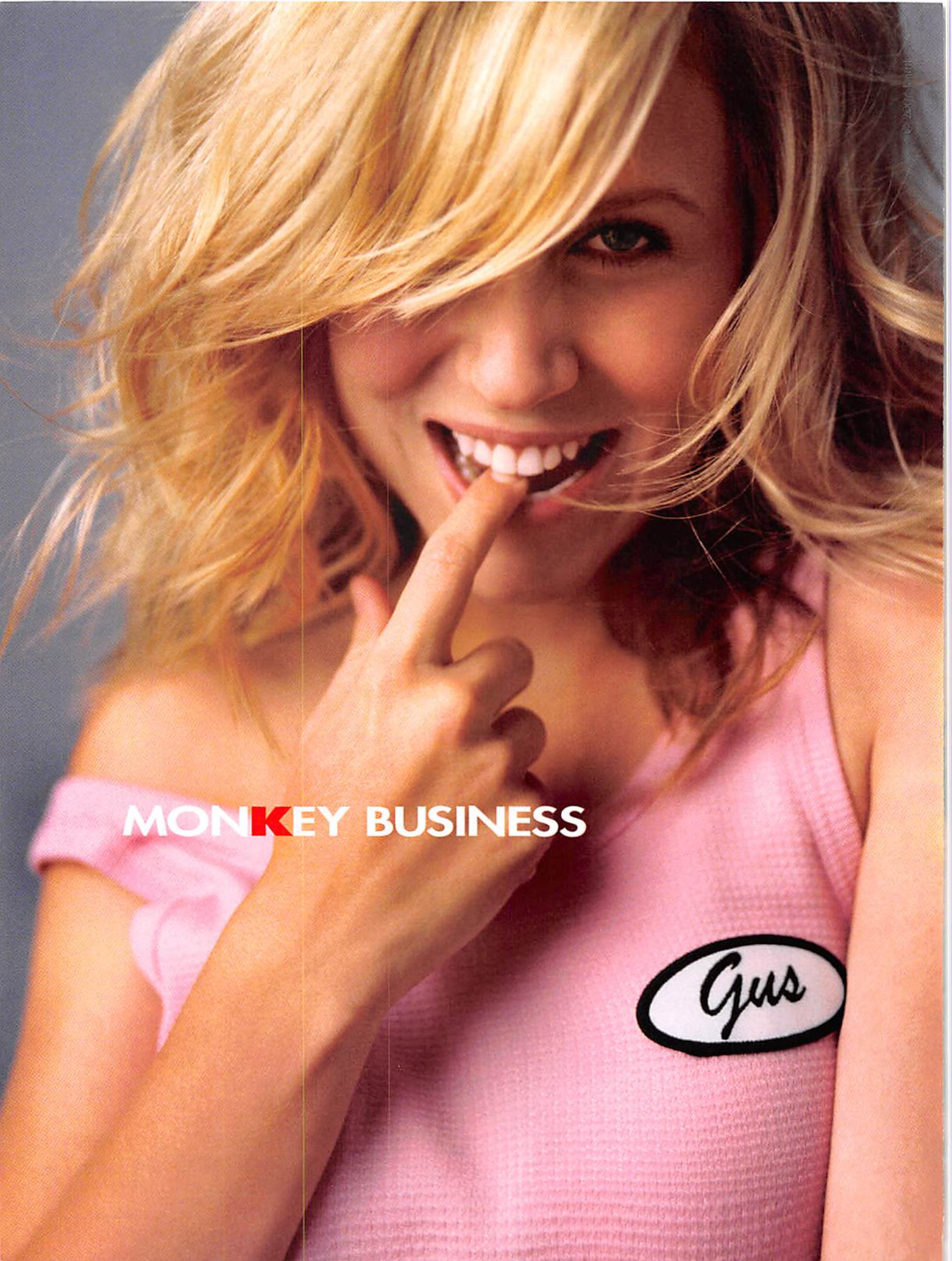
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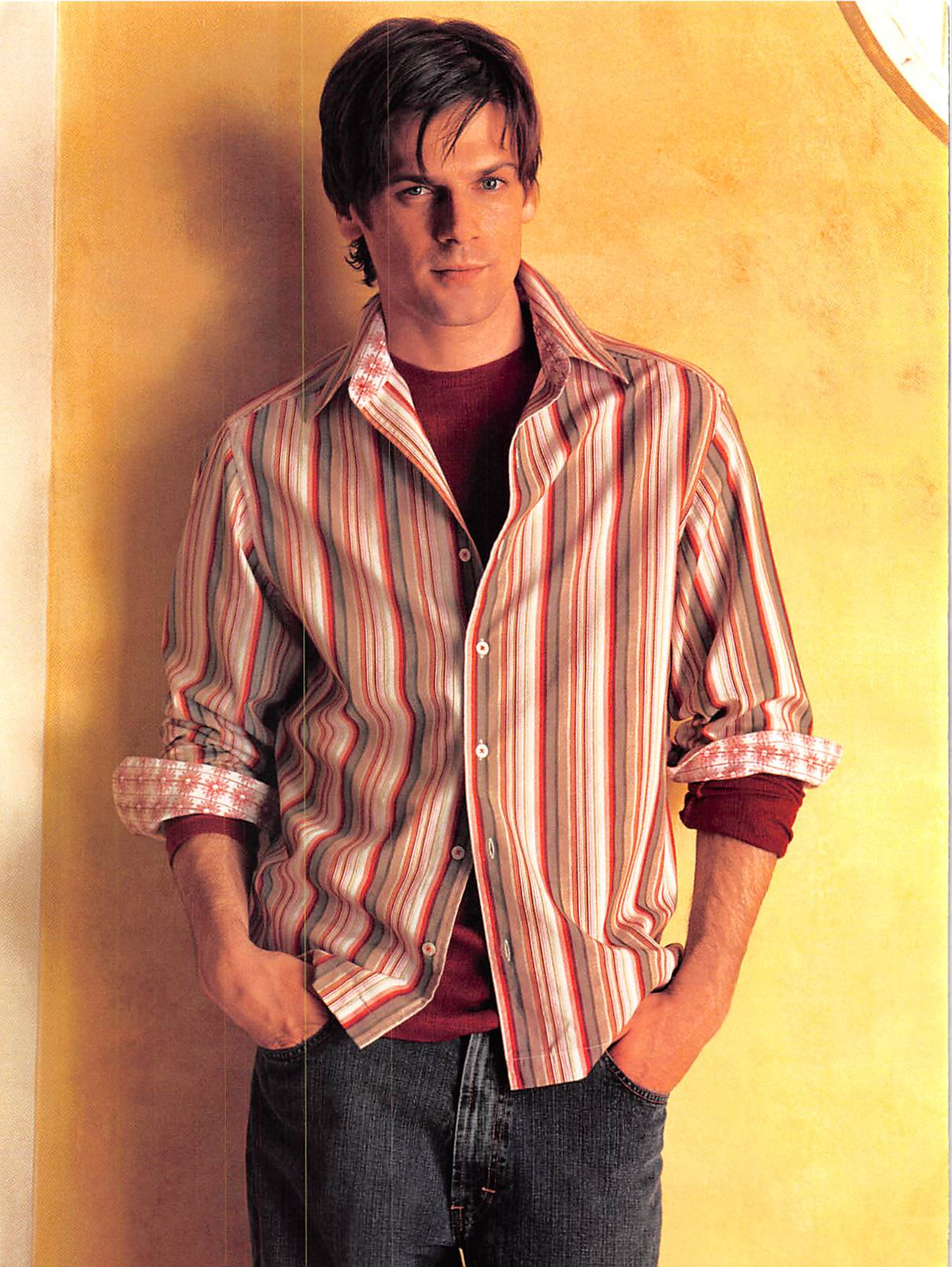

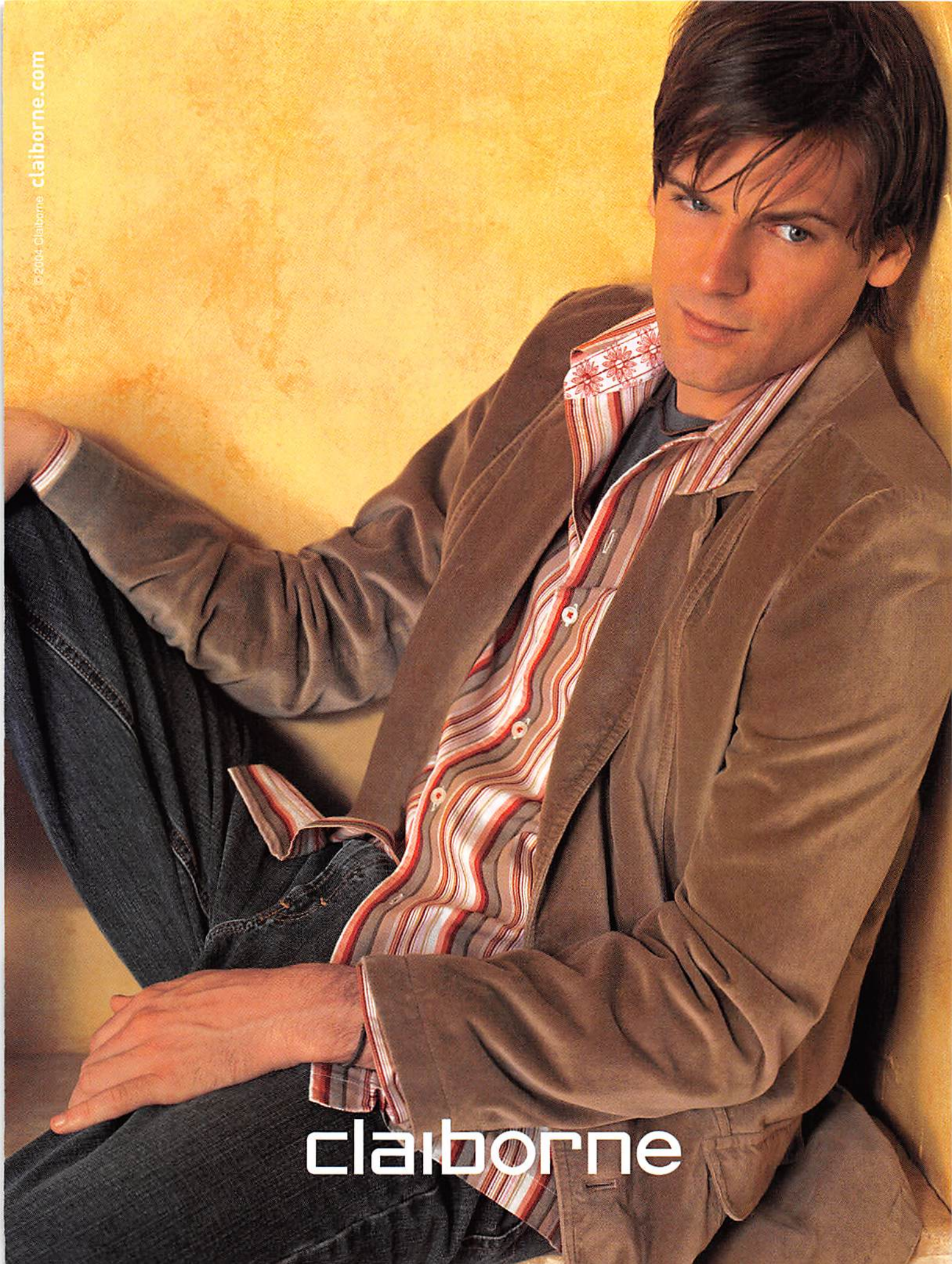
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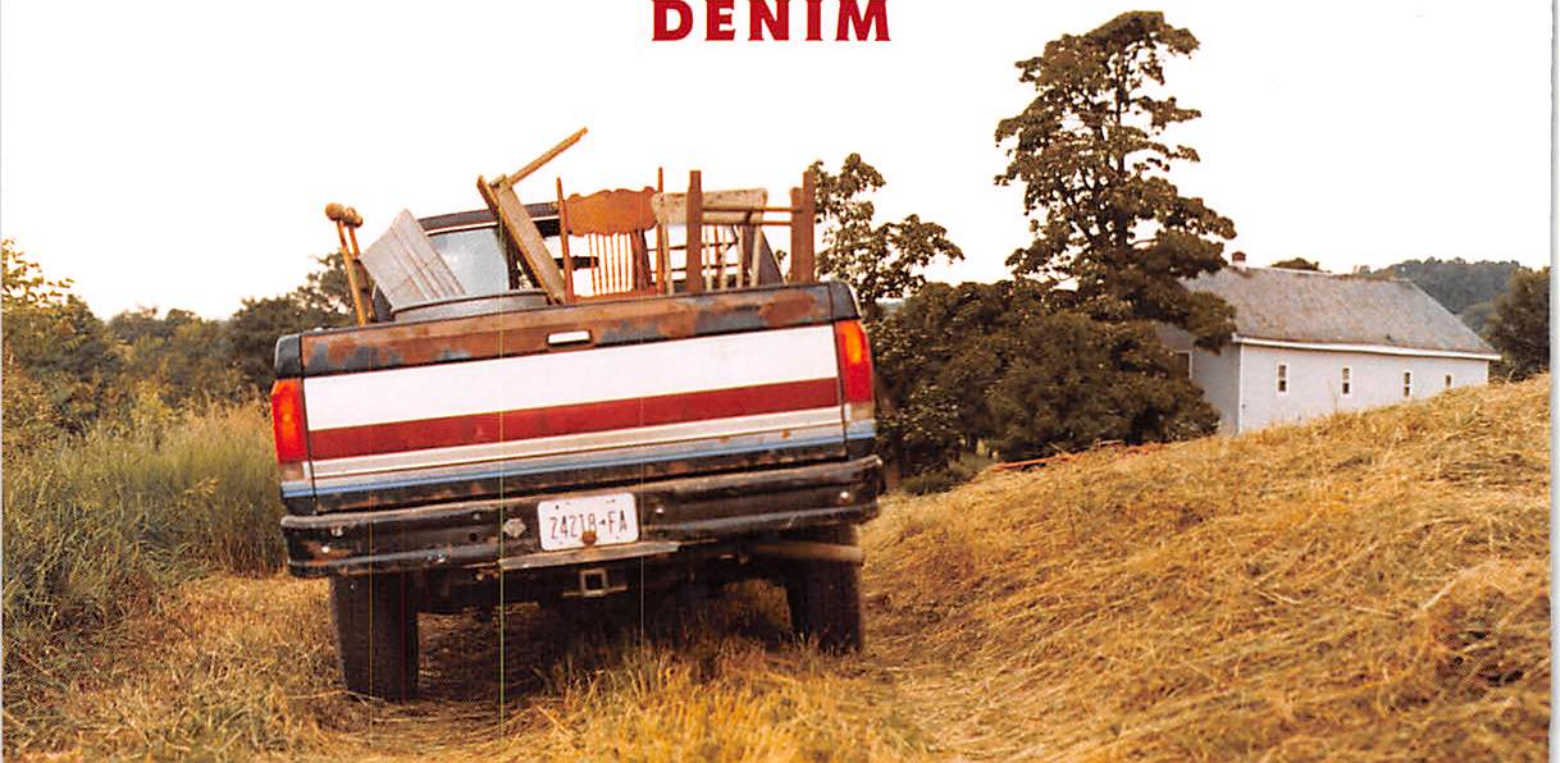

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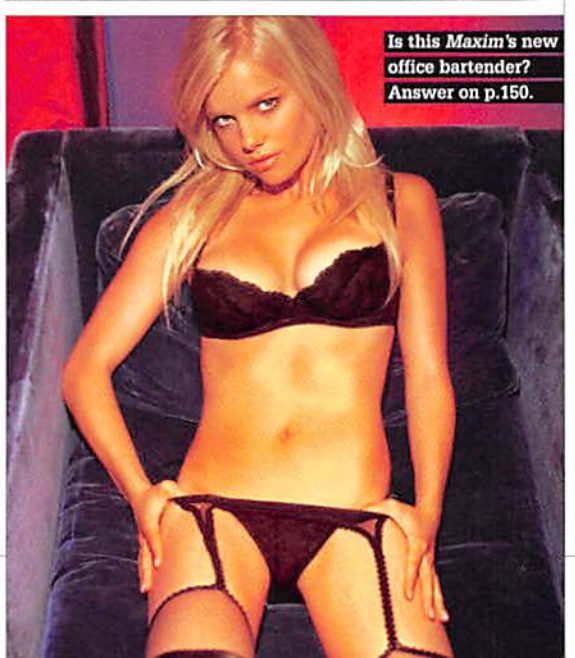

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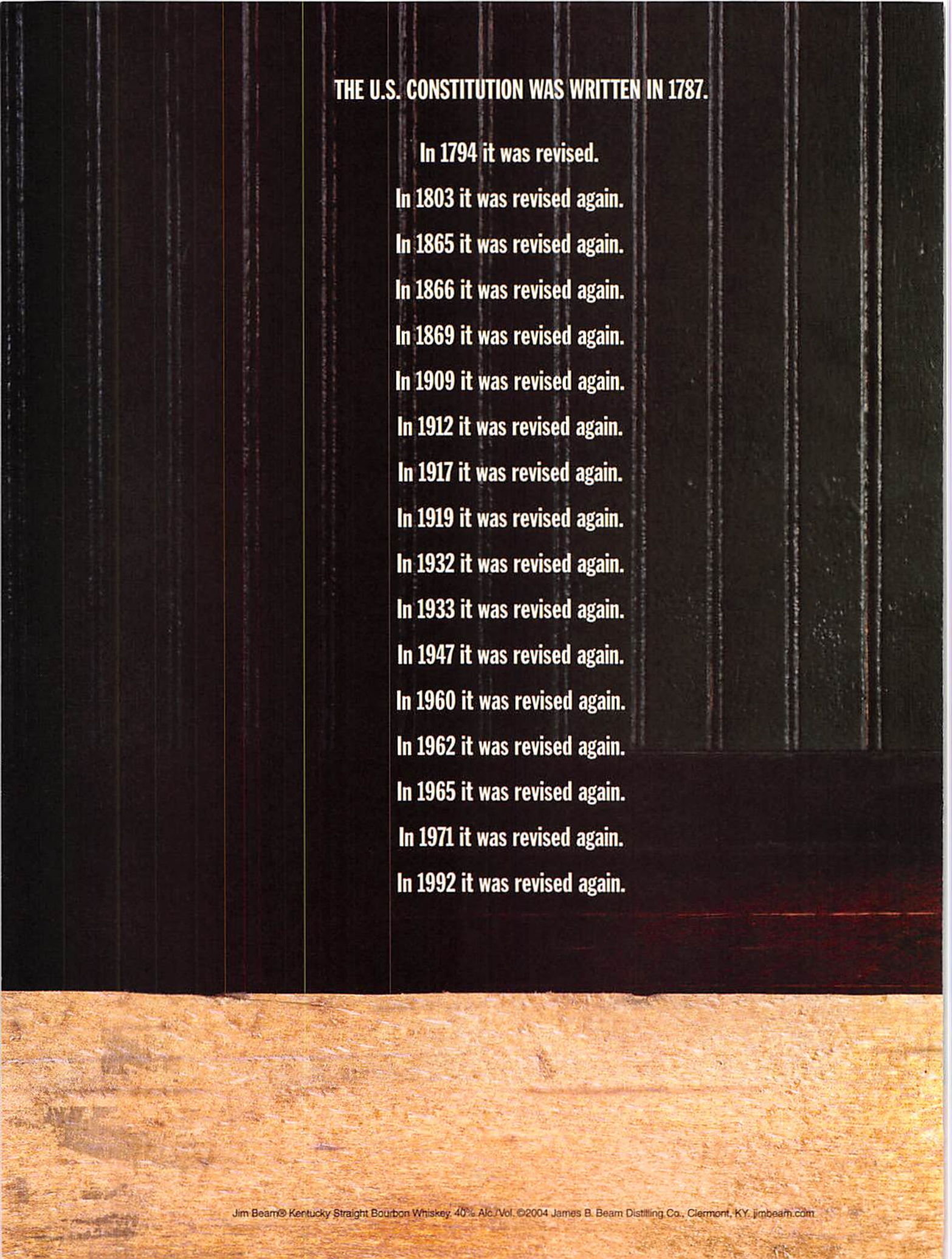
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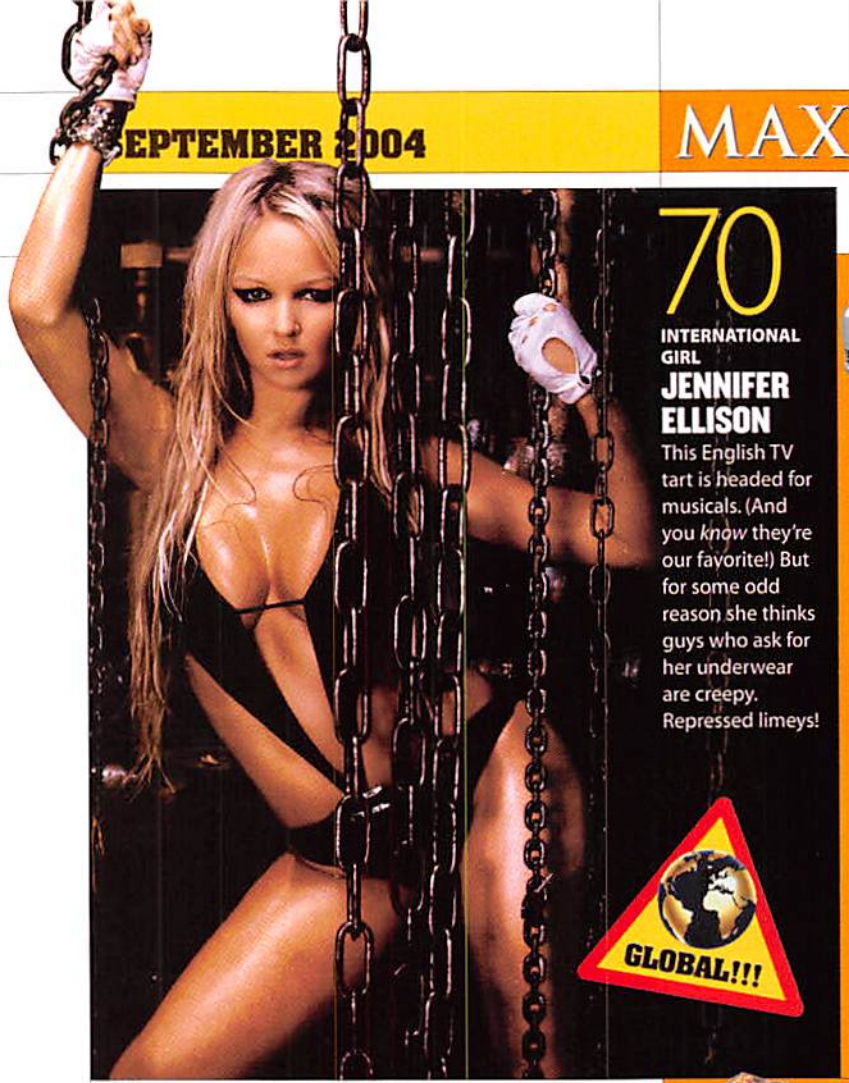

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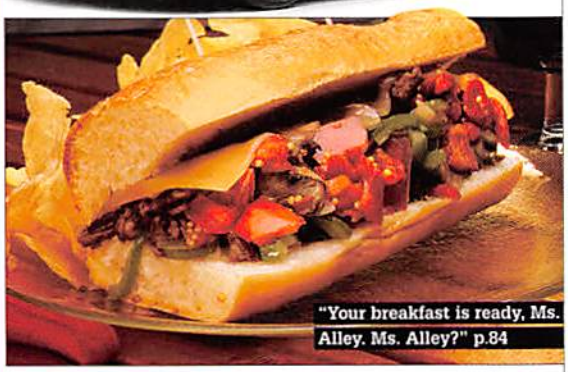

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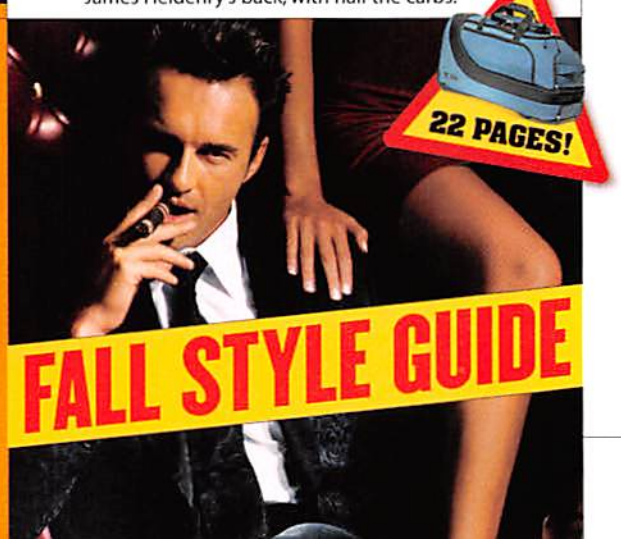

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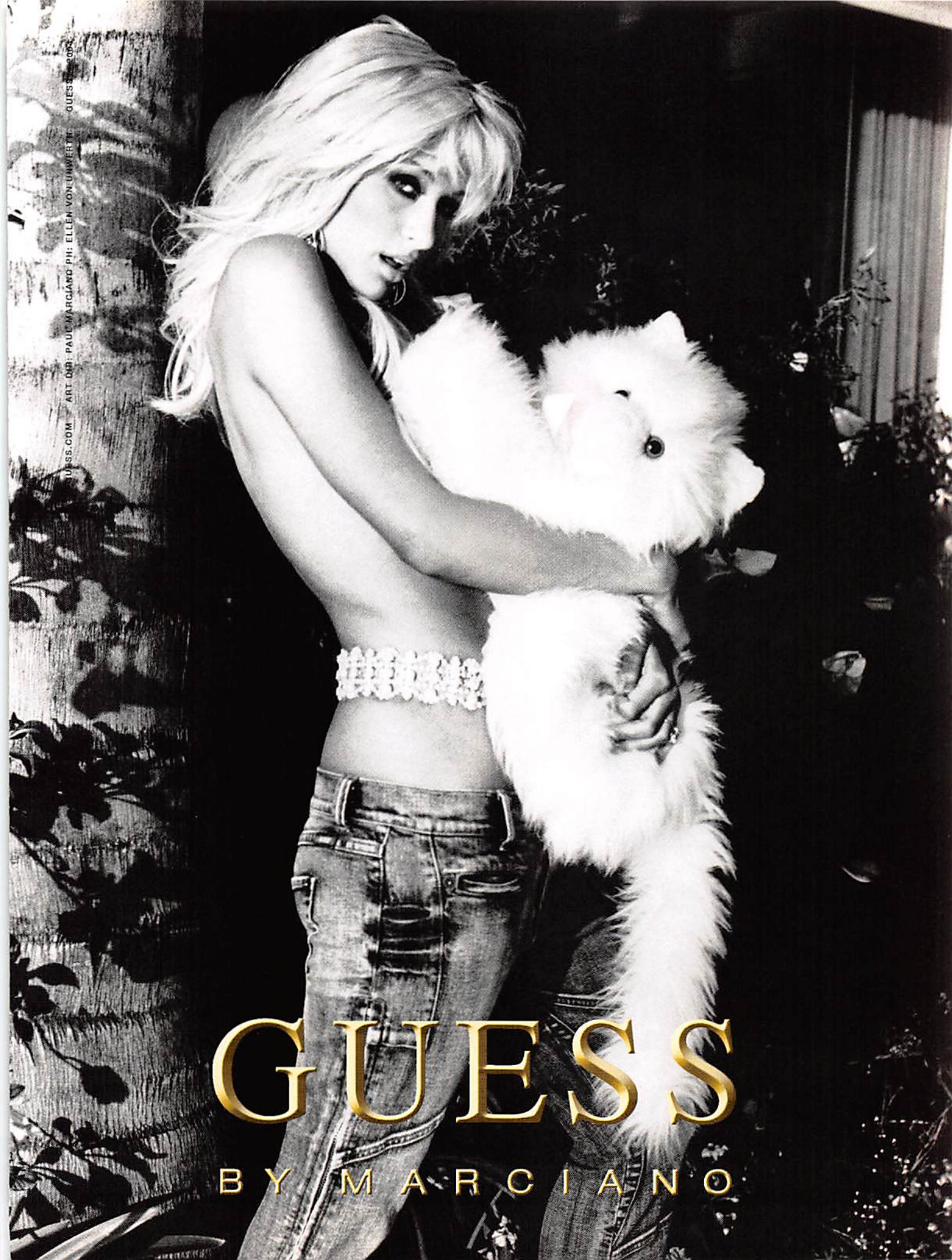
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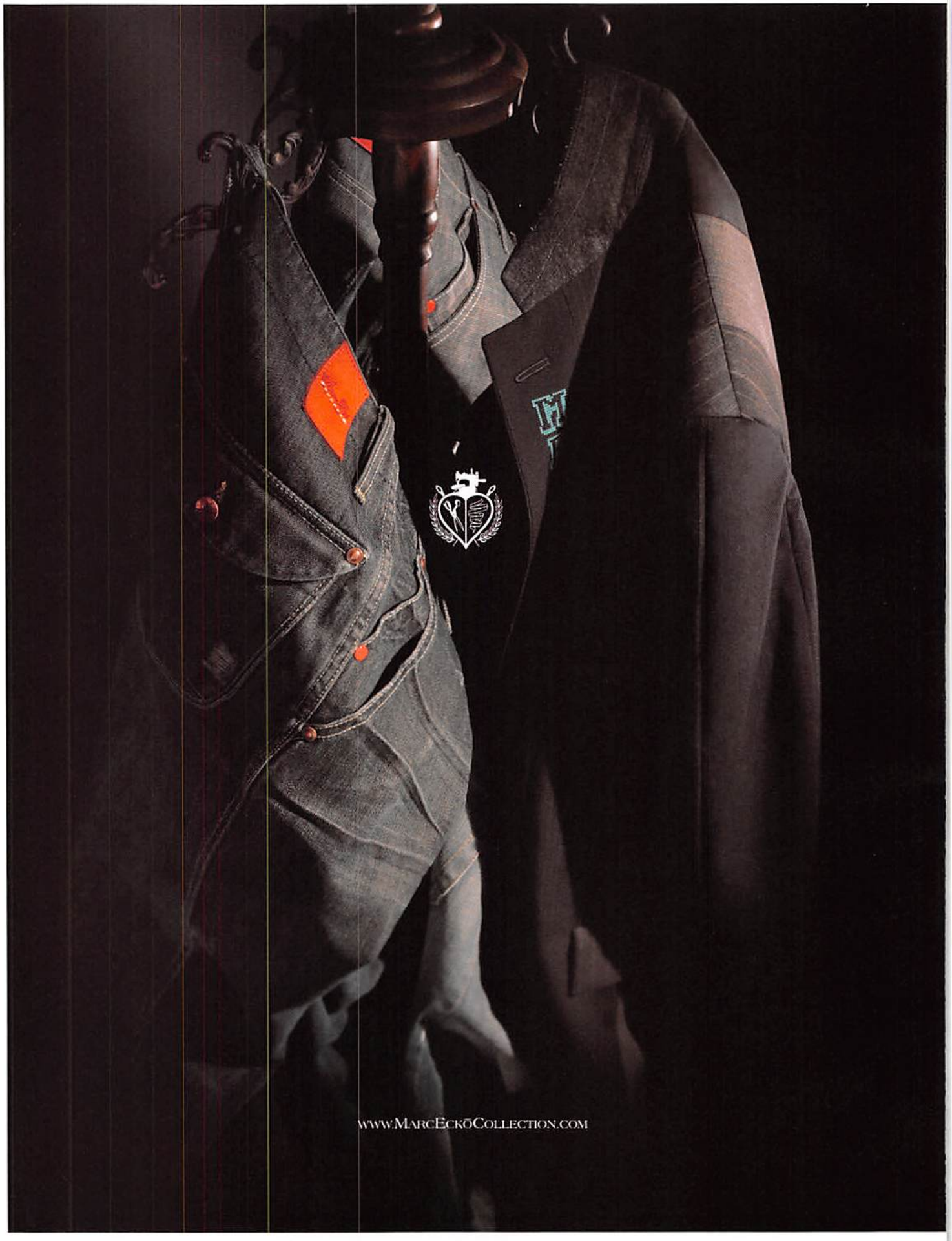
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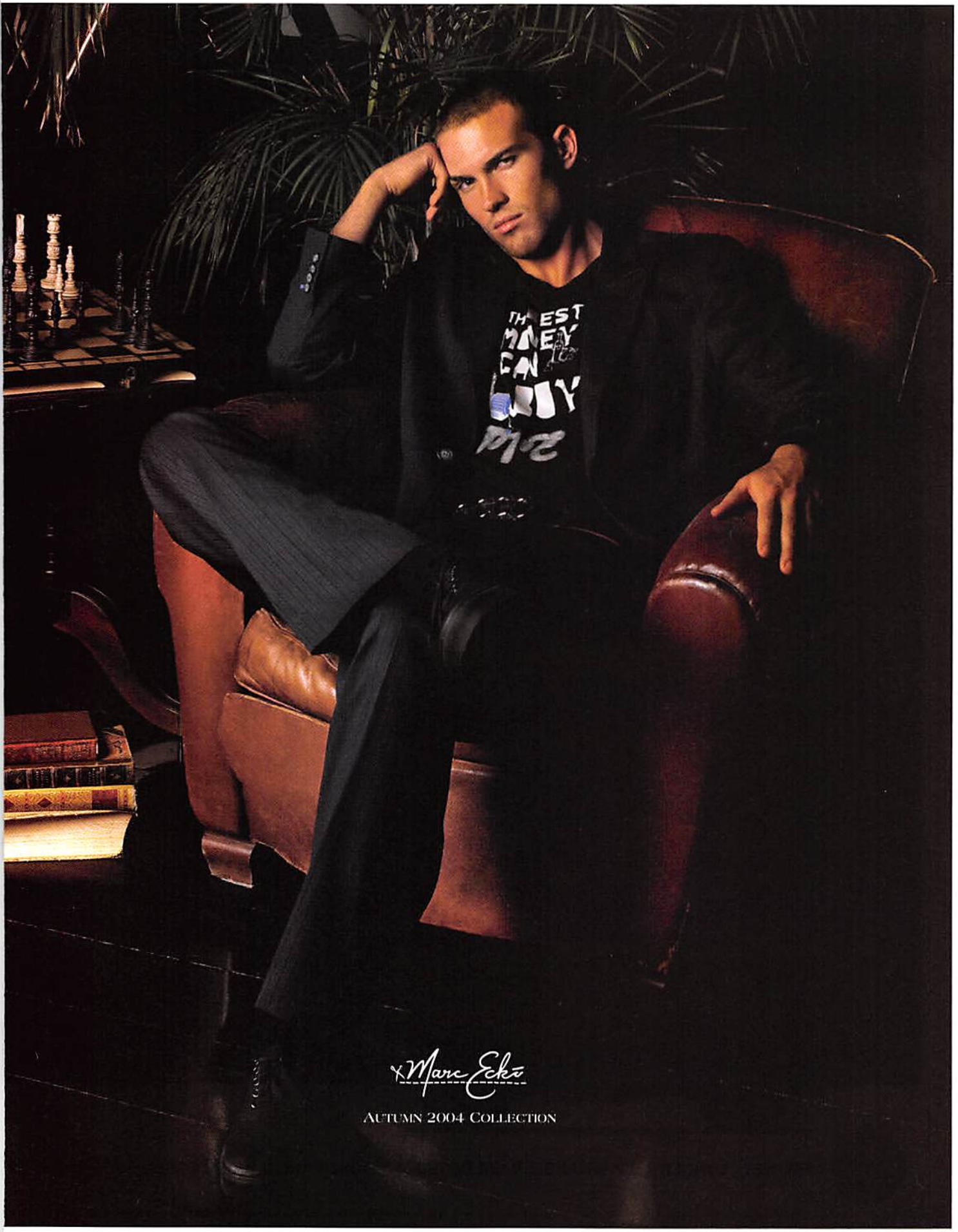
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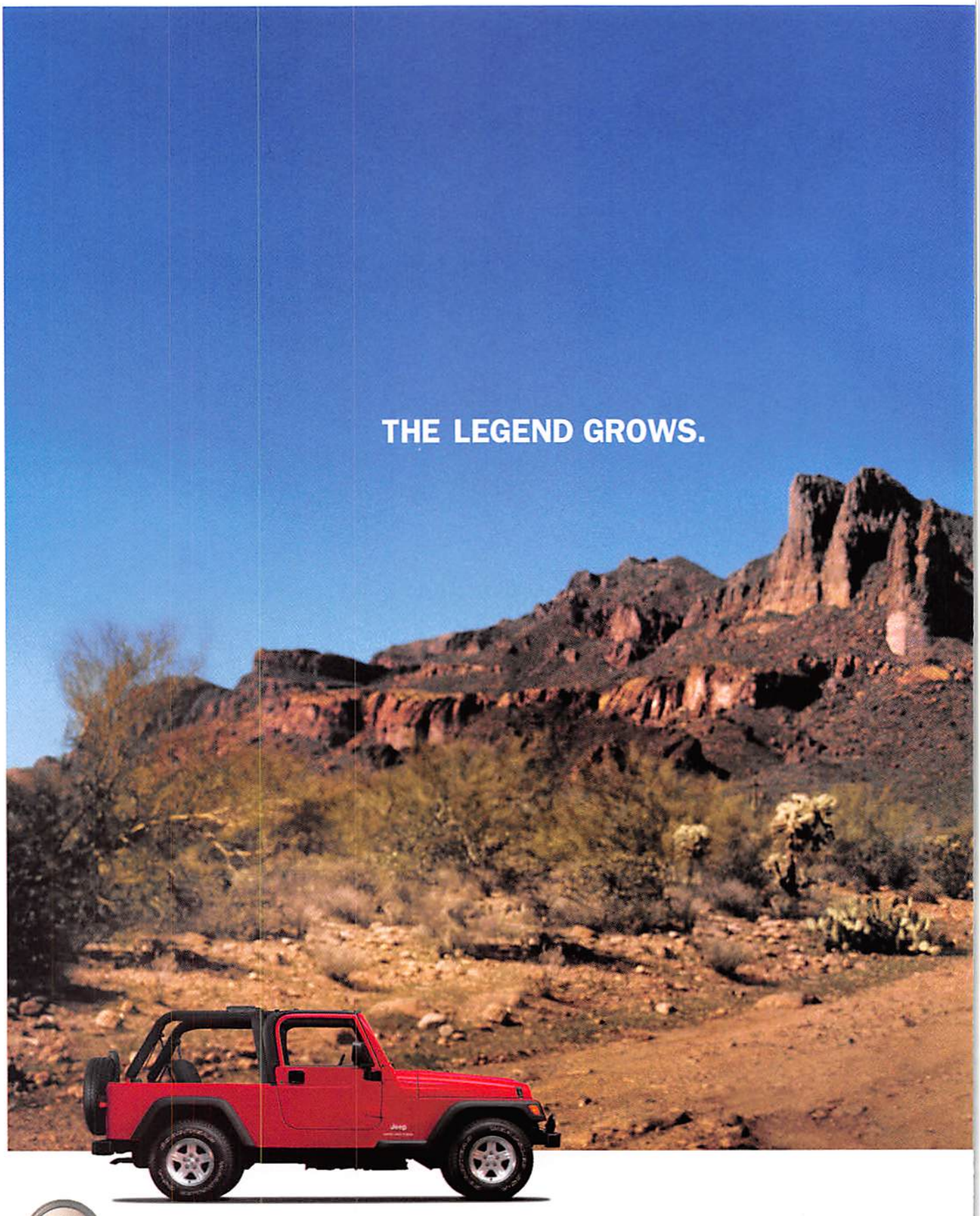

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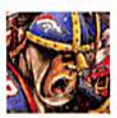

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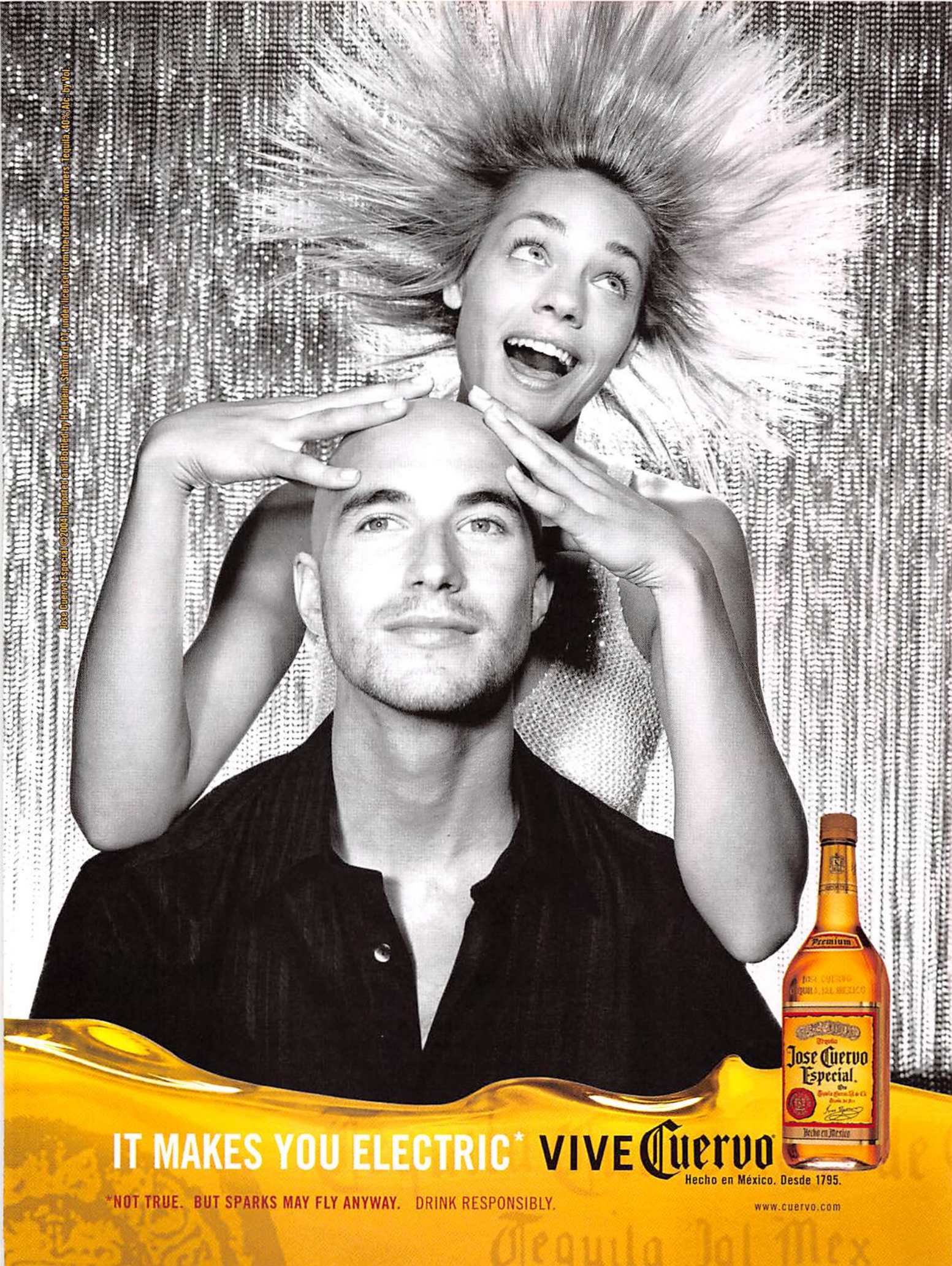
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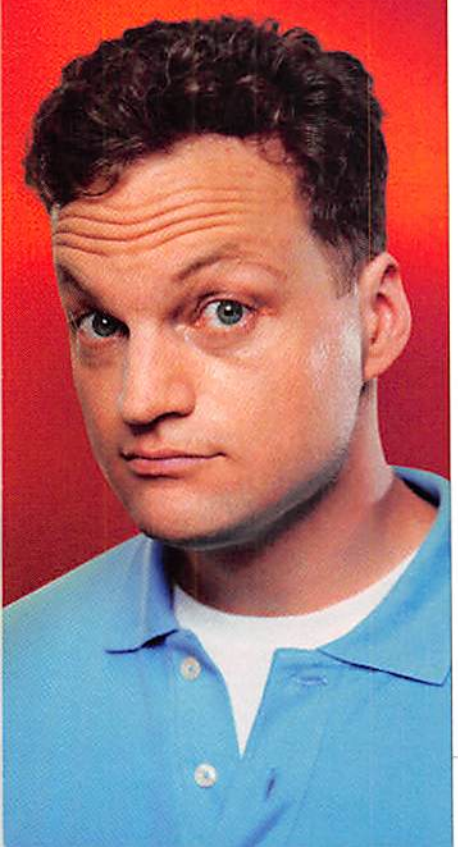

BAR TRICK OF THE MONTH

Keith Blanchard
Editor-in-Chief

1. Bet a chump that you can down three beers before he can slam three shots.

2. Mention that there's one rule: no touching each other's glasses. *Capiche?*

3. Chug a beer, then cover his last shot with your empty. Point, laugh, drink.

How the hell did Reagan get a better send-off than Marlon Brando? *On the Waterfront. The Wild One. Last Tango in Paris.* Colonel Kurtz. Mr. Christian. The freaking Godfather.

But it was as a fat slob that Brando reached the apex of his art. In the end he *became* America: gobbling up whatever he could reach and apologizing to no man. Close your eyes and you can see him still: slowly shuffling along his private beach, a dripping heap of cheesesteaks clutched jealously to his breast, the hem of a giant purple muumuu dragging in the sand, erasing his footprints.

Segue to...After eight years at Maxim, and four in the big chair, I'm making my own farewell. Sort of. I'm wiping the ink from my fingers and leaving the editorship of Maxim to take on a new role bringing Maxim into movies, radio, television, and beyond. Keep your eyes peeled.

Ed Needham, former editor of *Rolling Stone*, starts next issue. Please give him a warm welcome...I myself have left a little surprise for him under the desk. It started as raw chicken but could be almost anything by now...

Of all the perks of this job, and there have been many, by far the greatest has been working, playing, and, most importantly, drinking side by side with some of the world's finest editors, designers, and production personnel. Gaze over the masthead (p.34), ye publishers of wannabe men's mags, and despair: These are the real creators of Maxim who fill these pages with jokes and tips and sexy girls and great reads every month, and you will *never* beat them.

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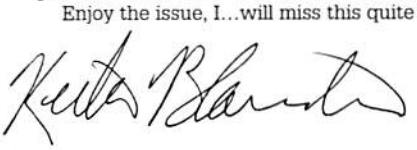

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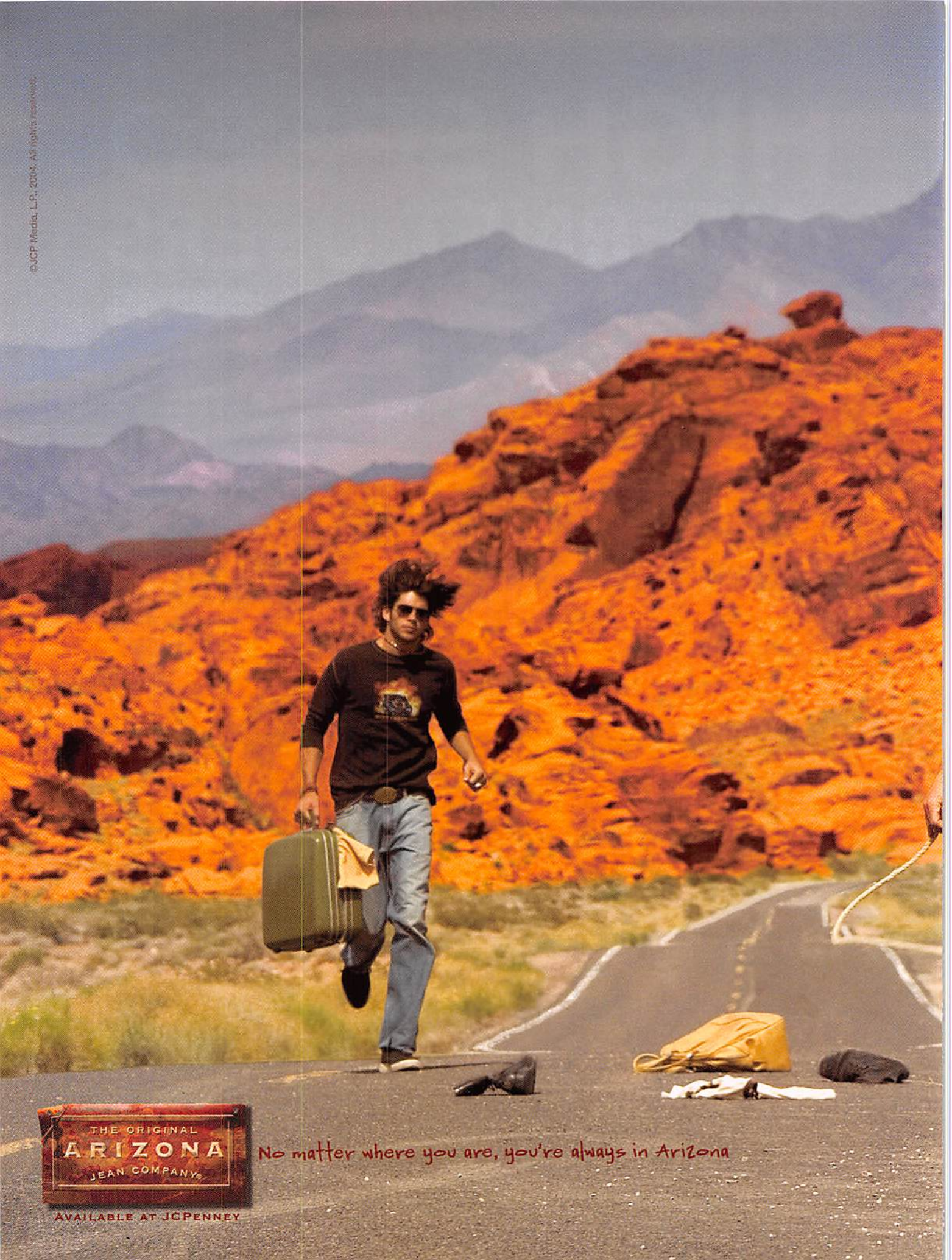
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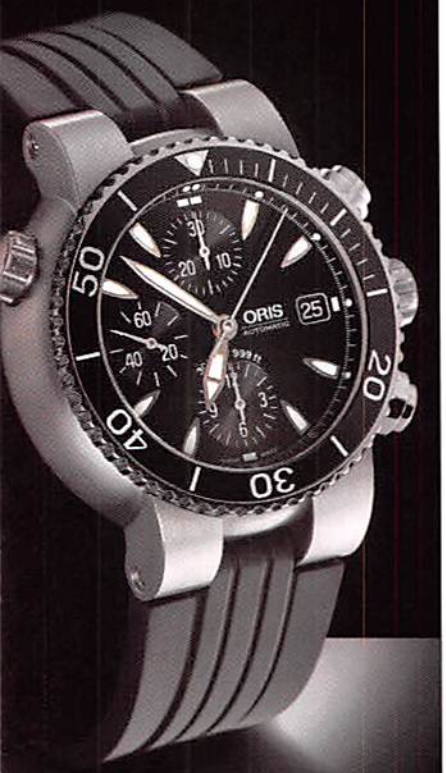

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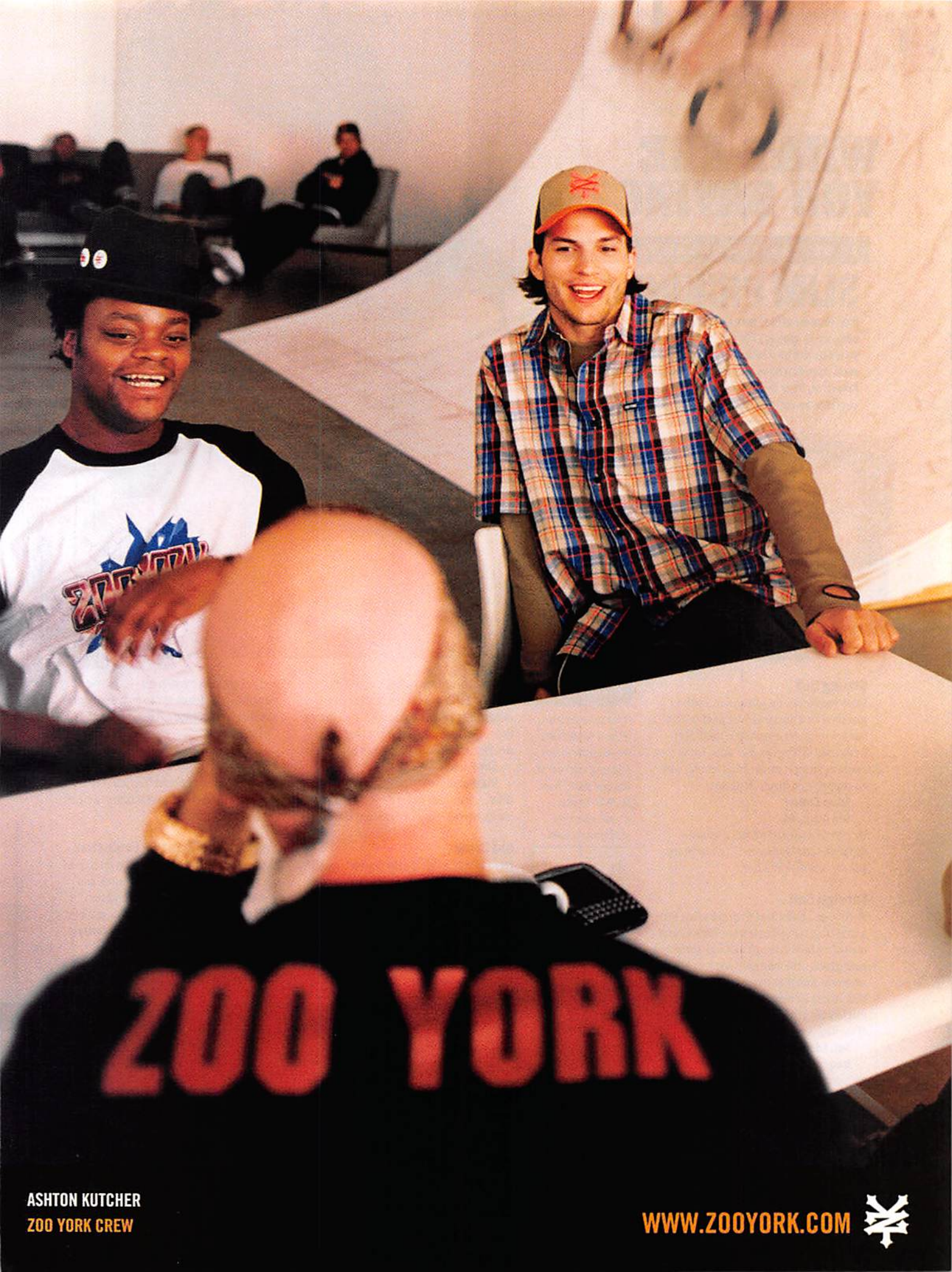

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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

Photograph, Naomi Kaltman (Kim Smith)

> BEST LETTER OF THE MONTH

SLIM PICKINGS

Hey, loudmouths! Starting approximately... now, we're giving $200 to the reader who sends us the best letter each month. Just send your diatribes to Maxim, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10018, or e-mail editors@maximmag.com. Here's our favorite for September.

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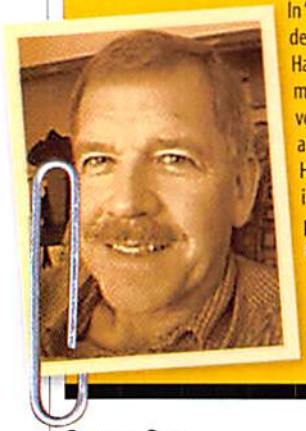


In "The War Wizards" [July], you described defense department engineer and Harry Potter fan Larry Corey as "a portly, mustachioed man." As his son I can vouch that my father is definitely a nerd, and he does indeed sport a fine 'stache. However, he has never been overweight in his life. Since he's single, could you please run a retraction that he's not hefty? He needs all the help he can get.

Alan Corey
Via e-mail

Alan, we hope this pic helps. It should at least get him e-mails from Potter nerds.

Strung Out

Thank you, *Maxim*, for putting Kim Smith on your cover for a third time ["Meow Miss," July]! I find her irresistible, especially in the 'N Sync (yeah, I said it) "Bye, Bye, Bye" video, where she's a sensuous puppet master. I'd let her play with my puppet—no strings attached!

Adam Coslow
San Diego, CA

We prefer the video where she's a sensuous dog-walker and blind lowerer... and with any luck, the cops will give it back.

Foreign Soil

Working on a Civil Affairs team in Iraq has been a great cross-cultural experience. While I spend most of my time shaking hands with sheiks and kissing babies, the most satisfying part is sharing *Maxim* with the average sex-starved Fallujan man. Thanks for helping me put America's best foot forward in the war for the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people.

Sgt. Adam C. Kokesh
Iraq

We're proud to be Americans, Sarge, and you embody several of the reasons.

Sticky Webb

I was ecstatic when I saw Morgan Webb in the July issue ["Have You Seen This Girl?"]. Seeing her in your magazine ranks among the greatest moments of my life. She brings out the inner nerd in all of us. I can't believe anyone is as beautiful as her and can still hold her own at video games. I even went to the Maxim Lounge for the first time ever to check out her other pics. Please, oh, please, do more on her.

Guy Paolillo
Via e-mail

What... those nude pics of her in the Maxim Lounge weren't enough for you? Just kidding!

Old Crow

Bravo on your article "Be Her Boy Toy" [June]. As an attractive 36-year-old woman who usually dates men in their twenties, I've found that I prefer the zest-for-life, free-spirit, no-nonsense attitude that most twentysomethings possess. That article was a perfect instruction manual on how to score one of us. As men approach their thirties, they become boring and self-absorbed. And let's not even mention sex—some older men could use a lesson or two from a younger guy. Who says with age comes experience?

Donna H.
Las Vegas, NV

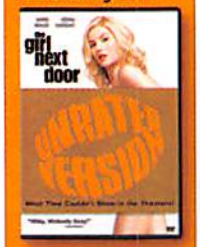
You know young people with zest-for-life, free-spirit, no-nonsense attitudes? Can you send them our way? We're hiring at Maxim *and could certainly use the diversity.*

You Say You Want an Evolution

Listen, guys. Just listen fucking good. On page 64 ["Ask Dr. Maxim"] of your June issue, you erroneously refer to our "Neanderthal ancestors." If you'd get your dicks out of your hands, reach for the remote control, and turn to the Discovery Channel, you'd know that they were not our forefathers. We arose from an entirely different species of man. Not that I believe this, of ▶

> FOR YOU

If we printed your letter this month, we're sending you a special edition of *The Girl Next Door* on DVD. To play, e-mail editors@maximmag.com.



> YOURS FOR THE TAKING

BOARD SENSELESS

If Ashton wears it, you *must* want it, right?

Zoo York called, and they think your clothes are gross. The solution? One reader will get a wardrobe of its gear: shirts, pants, backpacks, plus a skateboard. To enter to win this $1,300 hipster package that tells the world, "I'm handsome," visit maximonline.com and go to the contest page. All phone calls, faxes, and walk-ins will be given swirlies by those guys who smoke out back at school.

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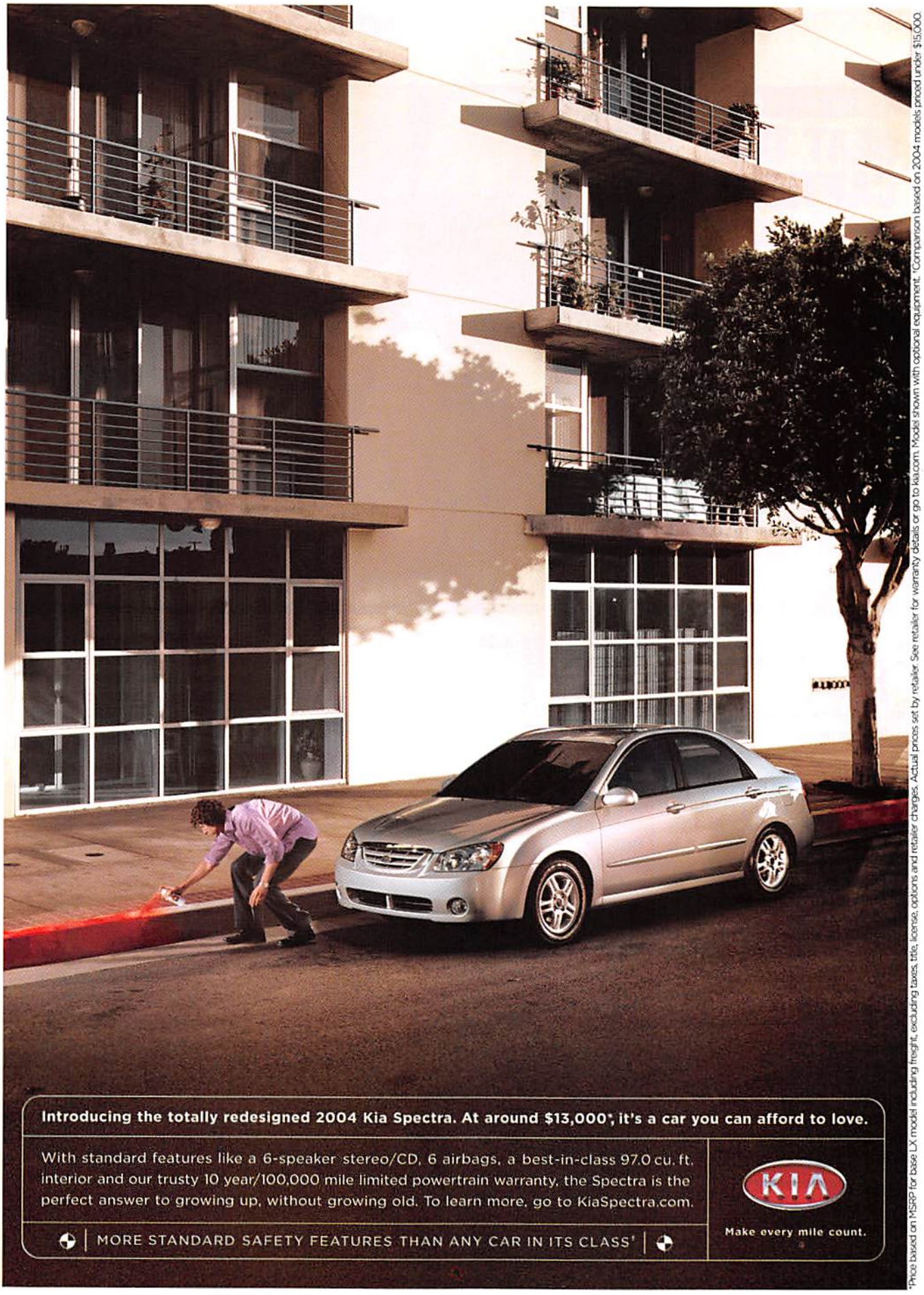

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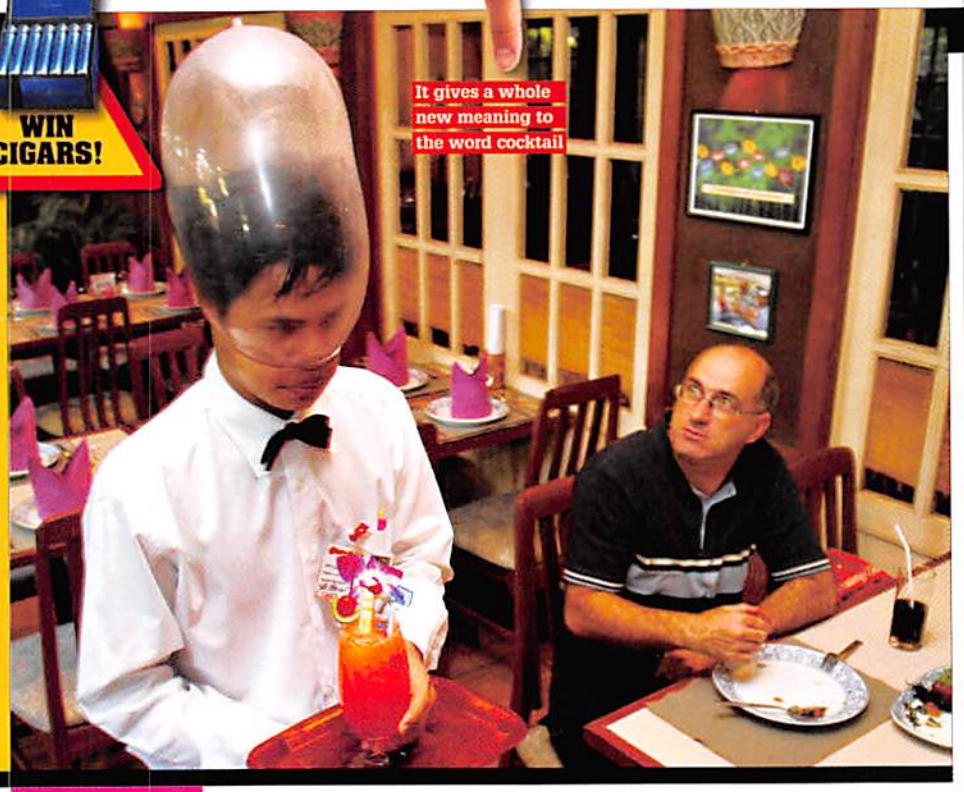

JULY'S PICTURE

Winner: "We have to take these coats off—we're bacon in them!"
Marc Bauer, Los Angeles, CA

course. I don't believe any goddamn thing, but you should get your facts straight anyway.

Mike Mamone
Milton, WV

Why all the misdirected anger, Mike? Your old lady make you toss her salad every morning?

Big Rascals

I wanted to thank you guys for your article on the benefits of scooters ["Never Walk Again," Circus Maximus, July]. I got mine because of a broken leg, and everyone laughed and said they're only for fat, lazy people. Your article proved them all wrong (although I haven't had too much luck with the ladies since I got mine). Thanks, *Maxim,* for making me feel cool.

Peter Cunningham
Ottawa, Ontario

No ladies? And you're Canadian? Go figure.

Dampened Spirits

I recently discovered that there had been a water pipe leak in my basement storage unit. Imagine my dismay when I found out that among the $4,000 in stuff that was ruined were my back issues of *Maxim*—five years' worth! I've been faithful to the Best Thing to Happen to Men Since Women, and now I have nothing to show for it. How about you guys send me something cool to ease the pain?

Chad Taylor
Seattle, WA

We feel bad for you, so we're sending you a photo of our library, full of extra issues. Feel free to blow it up and hang it where your bookshelf used to be.

LADIES!

We love goofy girls. E-mail pics of your wackiest monkey face to editors@maximmag.com.

Kebbel's Bits

I had never even heard of Arielle Kebbel ["Naughty by Nature"] until I read your July issue cover to cover. Thanks for opening my eyes to such a hottie. I'll be sure to fit HBO's *Entourage* into my schedule. Arielle can steal me from my girlfriend any day of the week!

Chris Pinuk
Chicago, IL

Chris, we called your girlfriend, and she says she's perfectly fine with that.

Sight Unseen

Have you ever wondered whether or not a person who is born blind knows what a human being looks like? I know the apparent and obvious response is no, but I find that situation to be unimaginable. I cannot conceive of how difficult it must be to have no points of reference. I think this finally sways the blind vs. deaf debate.

B. Lanton
Via e-mail

What about the age-old bored vs. stoned debate? How much free time do you have on your hands anyway? Do yourself a favor and go buy some friends, dude.

Glaze of Glory

My brother is a police officer, an avid reader (in fact, the cheap bastard always steals my ▶

PLAYING WITH FOOD

GREEN WITH ENVY

A reader eats with garbage disposal Hiroki.

Way back in January, we offered one artistic reader a chance to win dinner at New York's famed Strip House. The cost of admission? Just send us a head shot of a famous celeb . . . made out of vegetables. We sifted through garbanzo bean Brandos and a string bean Mary-Kate (that one *was* a little lazy, pal), but for the big prize Hiroki chose this vegetarian take on our favorite radio meathead, Howard Stern, by Steve Campbell of Somerdale, NJ.

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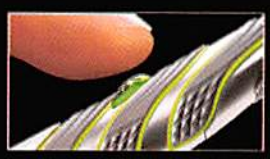

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Maxims), and donut connoisseur. He recently asked me if the Krispy Kreme coupons in the mag were legit. He was concerned that since the gorgeous breasts we see in *Maxim* are sometimes fakes, the coupons might be, too. While I assured him they were real, I also told him he wasn't cutting anything out of *my* magazine. Perhaps in the future you could make Krispy Kreme pay for postcard-size inserts. Otherwise you'll have police all over our great nation maliciously destroying your publication.

Ken Barrick
Via e-mail

You know, as long as our magazines die for a good cause—and we've rarely heard of a cause as noble as buying donuts—it's worth it. But in the future, we think we will make them pay for ads in donuts.

Gift Receipt

The wait for the new *Maxim* was a long one, and I began to worry. I thought my subscription may have expired or that my mailman up and took off with it. But on my birthday, what better gift to come home to than a fresh new issue? Thanks for the perfect present.

Jacob Leece
Via e-mail

Aw, don't thank us—thank your relatives. Clearly, they raised you with such low expectations that you'd have enjoyed any crappy old gift. M

I'LL DO ANYTHING

Industrious reader Javier's moving tribute

Are you *Maxim*'s biggest fan? You'd better be, 'cause we slave in an office that smells like a Kentucky shithouse till 2 A.M. every day to produce this rag. Do you have our logo shaved into your flattop? A shrine to Kim Smith where your house used to be? A tattoo on your ass of our editor-in-chief's ass? Send us a picture. If we like it, we'll send you a year's subscription and highlight your lunacy in an upcoming issue. Send all letters, photos, and personalized votives to editors@maximmag.com, or write to Maxim, 1040 6th Ave., 16th Fl., New York, NY 10018.

SINKING PENMANSHIP

ABOUT TO GO POSTAL?

We know what your letters say about *us*, but here's what certified graphologist Susan E. Abbey of Dallas thinks they say about *you*.

She knows where you live. (It was on the envelope?)

"This individual has artistic potential. The letters that look like digits show an aptitude with numbers. The large writing shows a desire to be the center of attention. The person is possibly extravagant and may spend too much. It is also legible, which shows a desire to be clear in communications." Or that he's in third grade.

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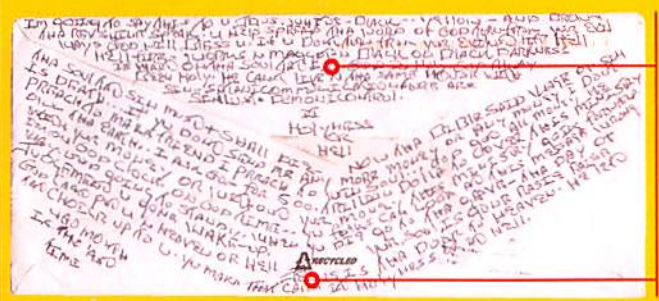

"The split and arcaded letters may show dishonesty, especially in money. The lower part of the *J* in Jesus is a 'felon's claw,' because it's often in criminal handwriting. It points to a rebellious and guilty nature. The writer is stuck in the past. There is either self-blame or hostility attached." But, hey, he does show creativity!—*Zack Rosen*

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WORST LETTER OF THE MONTH

WHEN PR GOES WRONG

Our most embarrassing piece of mail this month came to editor Alex Straus from our nation's venerable Smithsonian's PR flack. Now that the baseball season is in full swing, it is the perfect time to inform your readers about this exciting exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution. If there has ever been a museum exhibition to highlight in [TRASHY MEN'S PUBLICATION], *Baseball as America* is it. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or visuals.

Resnicow Schroeder PR
New York, NY

And if there's ever been a great press release flub to show in TRASHY MEN'S PUBLICATION, this is it.

RANDOM OBJECT SENT TO RANDOM PERSON

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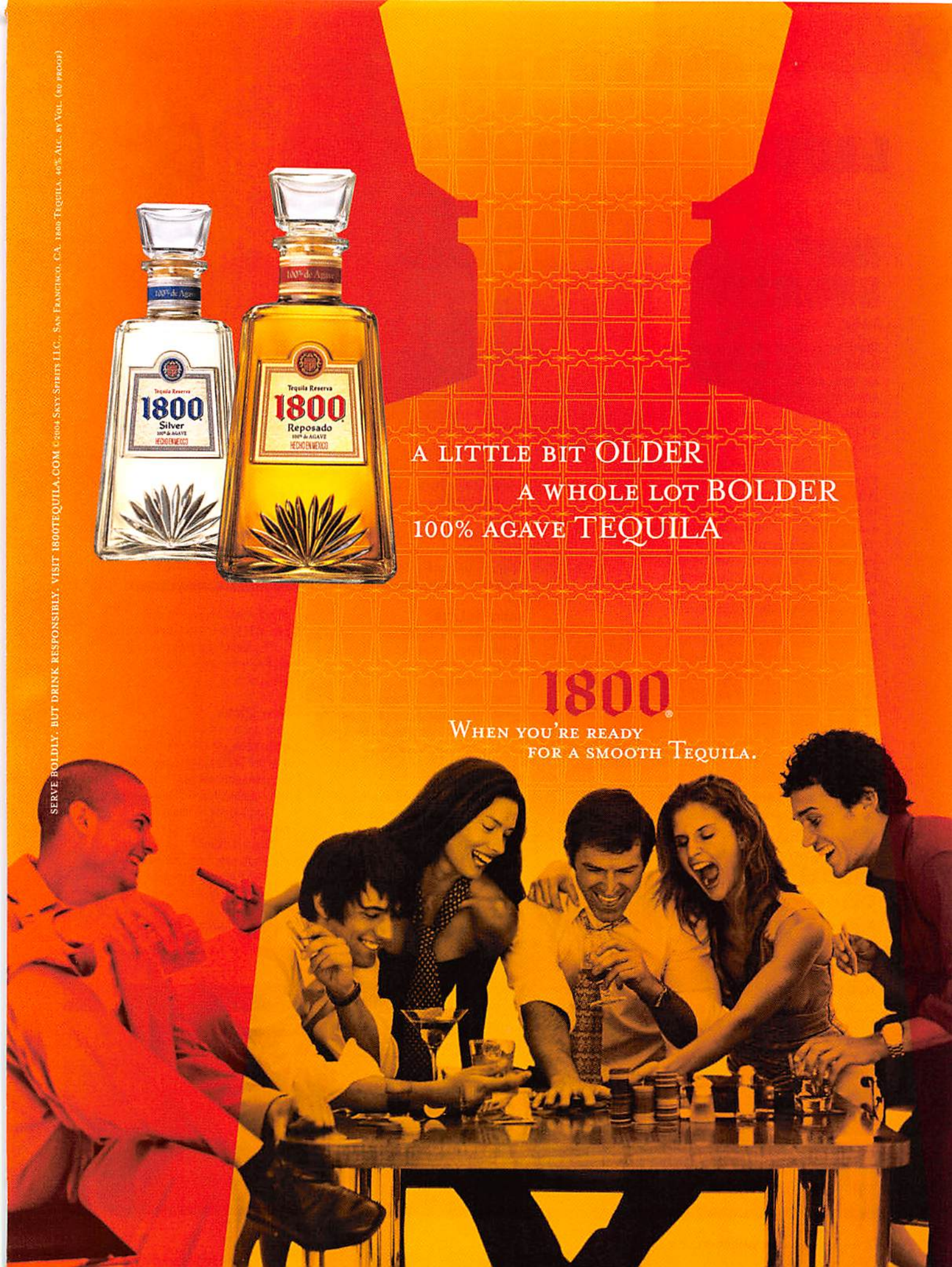
Flying pig ($12)
Sent to:
Brendan Wenzl, San Francisco, CA

Photograph, Shinichi Maruyama (flying pig)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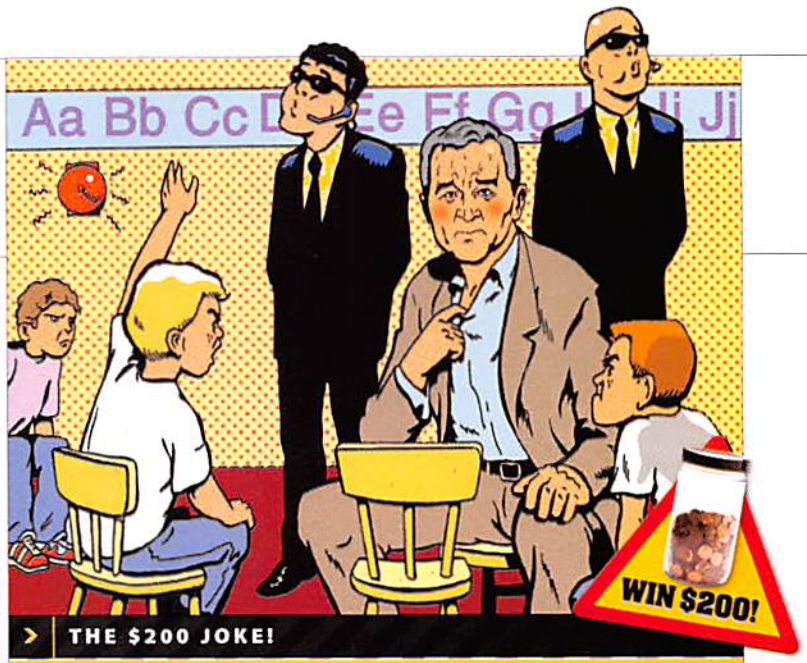

THE $200 JOKE!

Fair and Balanced

After giving a speech at an elementary school, President Bush lets the kids ask questions.

"How come you invaded Iraq without the support of the U.N.?" asks one boy.

Just as Bush begins to answer, the recess bell rings and he says they'll continue afterward. Half an hour later the kids come back in.

"Where were we?" says George. "Oh, yes—does anyone want to ask me anything?"

A different boy raises his hand and says, "I have three questions: First, why did you invade Iraq without support from the U.N.? Why did the recess bell go off 20 minutes early? And, lastly, where the hell is Billy?"

—Cory Johnson, Toronto, Ontario

Amazing Lace

A man walks into a lingerie store to buy a bra for his wife. "There are three main types," explains the saleswoman, "the Catholic, the Salvation Army, and the Baptist."

"What's the difference?" asks the man.

"Well, the Catholic supports the masses, the Salvation Army lifts the fallen, and the Baptist makes mountains out of molehills."

Nice Cans!

Q: Hear about the new paint color, "blonde"?
A: It's not very bright, but it spreads easy.

Flying Blind

Airplane passengers watch nervously as two men wearing pilots' uniforms and dark glasses use canes to feel their way into the cockpit. The plane starts barreling down the runway, and the passengers begin to get scared as the water at the end of the airstrip nears. With only a few yards left, everyone screams, but the plane lifts off just in time. The passengers think it was all a joke, while in the cockpit, the pilots high-five.

"You know," says one pilot to the other, "one day they're gonna scream too late, and we're all gonna die."

New Tricks

Three guys with dogs walk into a bar. The first orders a beer, and when it comes, his dog pours it for him. The second guy orders a beer, and his dog cracks open peanuts. The third guy orders a beer, but when it comes, his dog just sits there.

"Your dog doesn't do any tricks?" asks the first guy.

"He's a blacksmith," says the third.

"What the hell does that mean?"

"Well, if you stick a hot poker up his ass, he'll make a bolt for the door."

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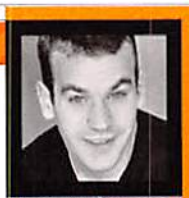
STAND-UP SPOTLIGHT

MIKE BIRBIGLIA



Meet Mike Br...bil... meet Mike

What's in a name, anyway?

That's my last name: It's *Bir-big-lia*. When telemarketers call, they'll be like, "Good afternoon, can I speak with Mr. . . . oh, man . . . Birbigaboo?" And I'm like, "Yeah, Birbigaboo doesn't live here anymore." Even automated telemarketers will get it wrong. They'll be like, "Good afternoon, may I speak with Mr. . . . *system error.*"

I've got a girlfriend right now, and she's starting to get to the age where she's thinking about getting kids, which is exciting . . . because we're going to have to break up. She and I worry about different things. The other day, I asked her, "What do you fear the most?" She said, "I fear you'll meet someone else, you'll leave me, and I'll be all alone." And she asked, "What do *you* fear the most?" And I was like, "Bears!" A bear is an intimidating animal, although I found out recently that the animal that kills the most humans per year is not the bear but the hippo. I didn't know hippos ate humans; I just thought they ate those little white marbles. I thought that was the whole point of Hungry Hungry Hippos—that hippos were marblevores.

Go to birbigs.com and see where you can check out Mike on tour this fall!

Q: What has four legs and one arm?
A: A pit bull at recess.

LATE-NIGHT LIP

TARGET: KERRY

If he's rich, then why the long face?

David Letterman: "I'm worried about John Kerry—he's so confident now that he's already planning his White House sex scandal."

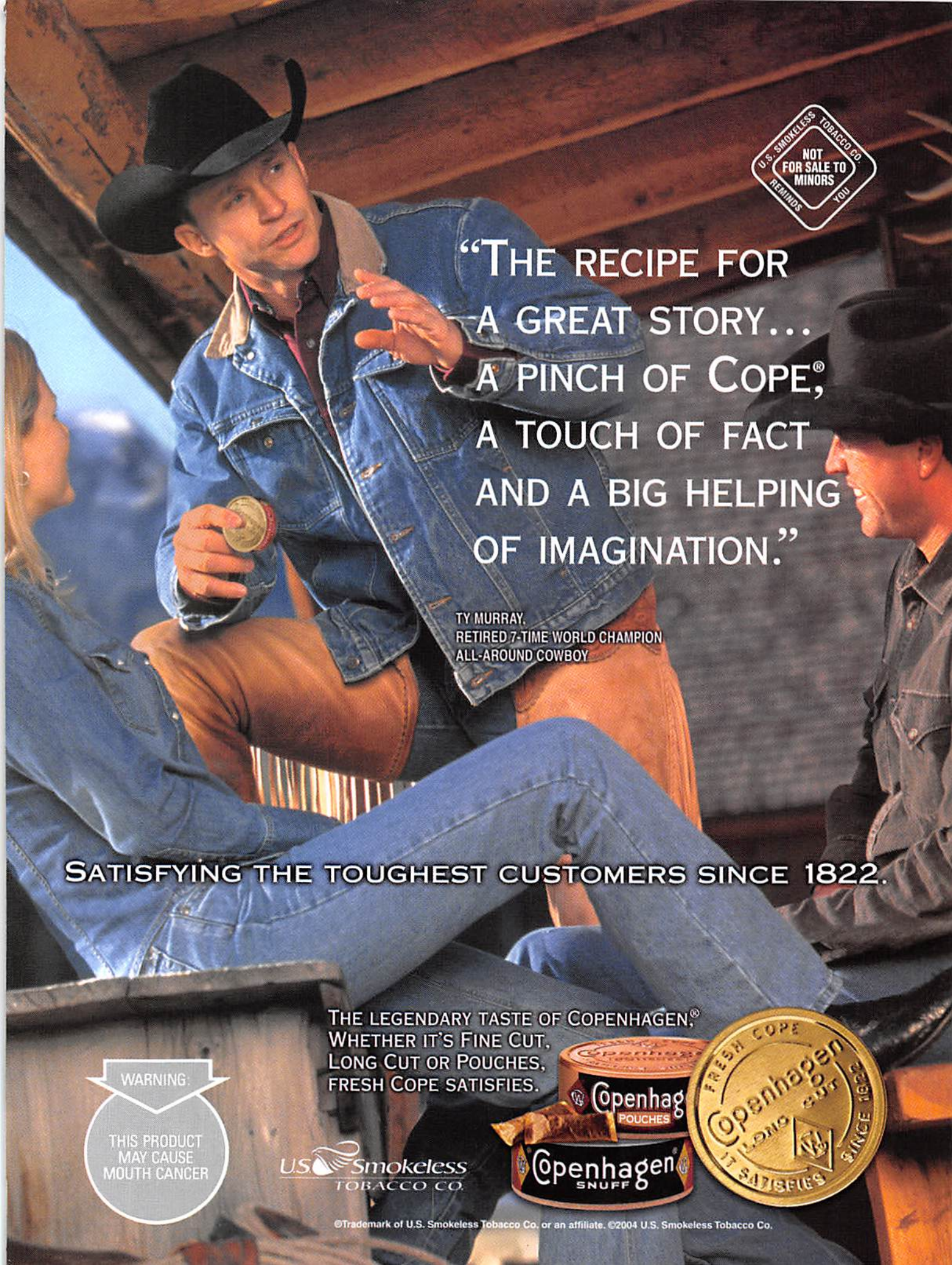
Jay Leno: "John Kerry and Ralph Nader met face to face, and it was a historic meeting. Astronomers said today their meeting actually created what is called a 'charisma black hole.'"

Craig Kilborn: "John Kerry has announced his plan for how to handle those poor naked prisoners: His wife is going to buy them all $1,000 Armani suits."

Conan O'Brien: "*Shrek 2* made more than $128 million in its first week. In a related story, John Kerry asked Shrek to marry him."

DOWN AND OUT WITH STEVE GUTTENBERG

Illustration, John Richardson



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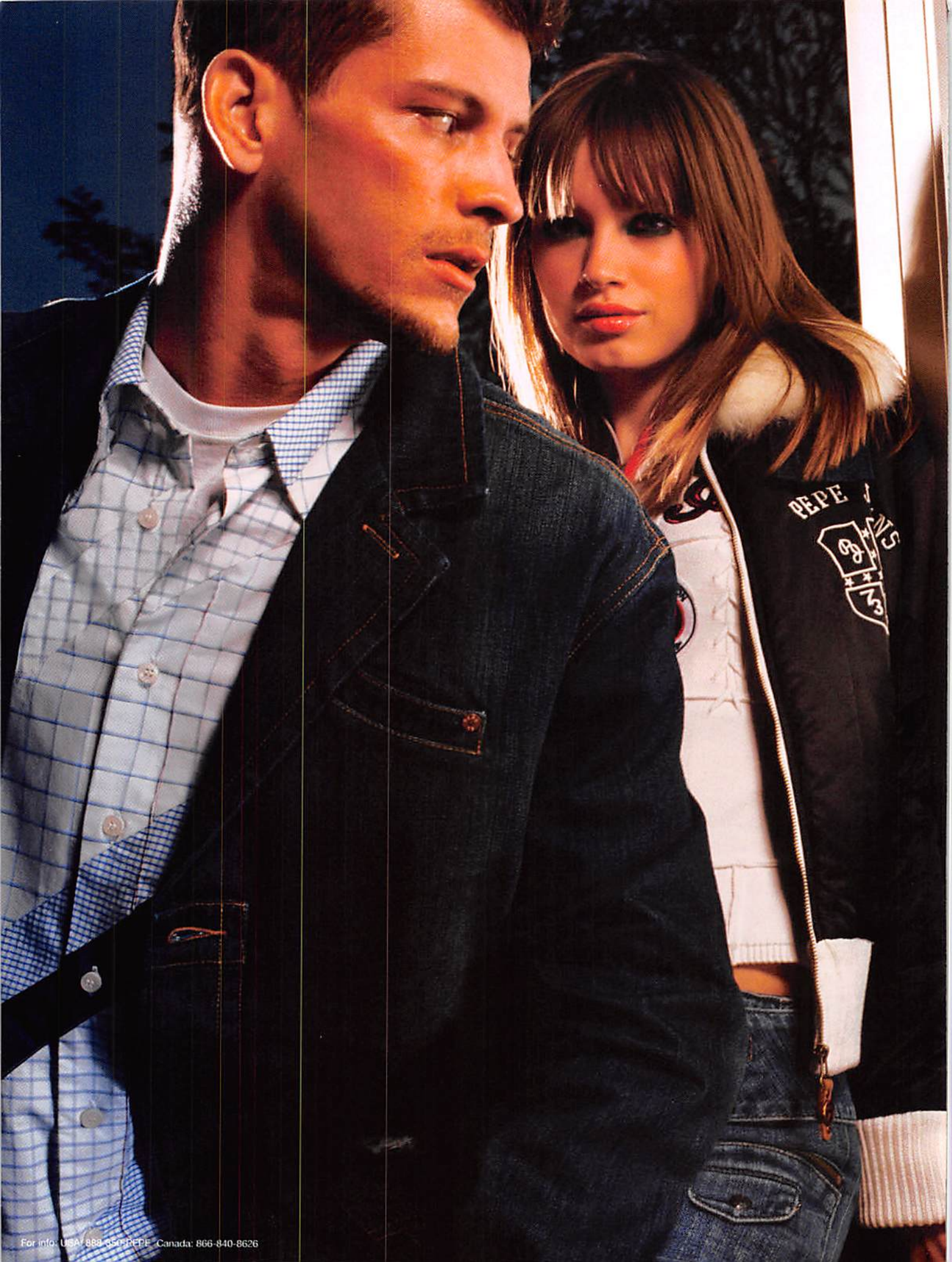

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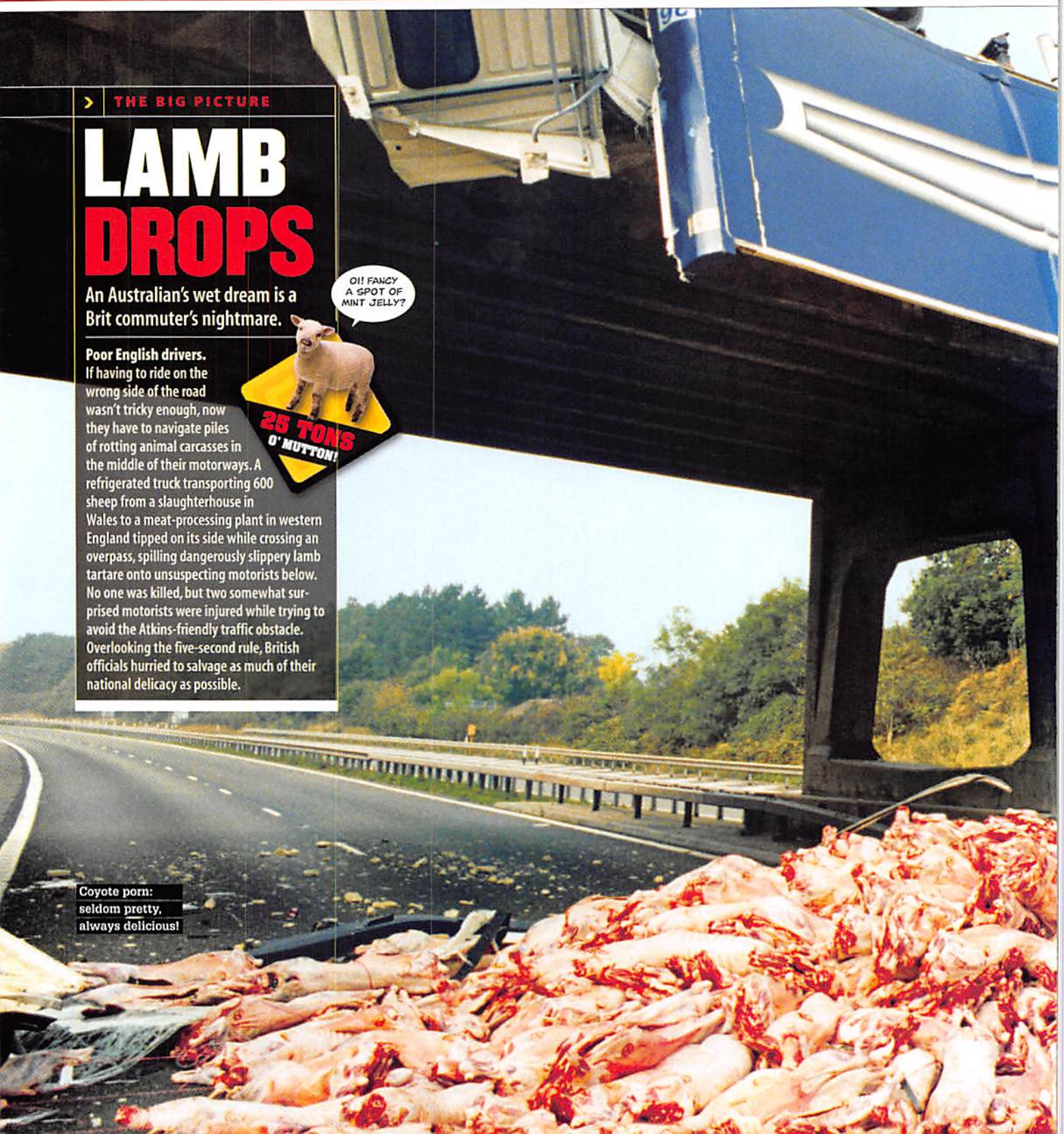

> THE BIG PICTURE

LAMB DROPS

An Australian's wet dream is a Brit commuter's nightmare.

Poor English drivers. If having to ride on the wrong side of the road wasn't tricky enough, now they have to navigate piles of rotting animal carcasses in the middle of their motorways. A refrigerated truck transporting 600 sheep from a slaughterhouse in Wales to a meat-processing plant in western England tipped on its side while crossing an overpass, spilling dangerously slippery lamb tartare onto unsuspecting motorists below. No one was killed, but two somewhat surprised motorists were injured while trying to avoid the Atkins-friendly traffic obstacle. Overlooking the five-second rule, British officials hurried to salvage as much of their national delicacy as possible.

Coyote porn: seldom pretty, always delicious!

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Roast Lamb
Enjoy a tasty treat made from the flesh of fluffy white animals.
Ingredients:
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Season the meat to taste with salt and pepper. Set it on the rack in a roasting pan, fat side up, and cover the meat with flour. Sear your creation in the oven at 450 degrees until brown, then turn down the heat to 350 and bake for 35 minutes per pound of meat. Boil the drippings—adding water and flour to thicken—for a lovely gravy. Dig in.
Enjoy!

> CALLING ALL STARS

HOLLYWOOD RUMOR MILL

Forget gossip columns—we get our celeb dirt straight from the source!

OHMIGAWD, GENE, DID YOU HEAR THAT DEMI MOORE'S PREGNANT? I THOUGHT SHE WAS TOO OLD. I WONDER IF THEY'LL FILM THE BIRTH...
HEY, SARAH. IT'S GENE-AGAIN. LISTEN, DEMI'S GONNA BE A MOM. SHE'S HAVING A BABY WITH THE KID FROM THAT '70S SHOW. IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE A GUY SPIT BLOOD!
DAVID, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS: DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE GUY FROM THAT '70S SHOW? HE'S COUGHING UP BLOOD! OK, GOTTA RUN. THERE'S A PRADA SALE.
LANCE, SHALOM. LOOK, I'M A FAN OF '70S SHOWS, BUT KILL ONE MORE PANDA AND I'LL MAKE YOU CHOKE ON YOUR OWN BLOOD, PUNK.
YAY, I'VE BEEN PUNK'D! SERIOUSLY, ASHTON, YOU ARE JUST TOO MUCH! BY THE WAY, HOW ARE MOMMY AND BABY DOING?

"Hello, and welcome to America's all-new Afghanistan!"

She's even prettier than the scenery!

> EXOTIC DANCING

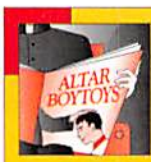
THE GRANNY PANTY SHOW

The Miss Exotic World pageant brings out scantily clad dancers of *all* ages.

Forget Jimmy Hoffa—the true unsung hero of the labor movement is Jennie Lee, who unionized her fellow burlesque performers 50 years ago by forming the Exotique Dancers League. What started out as a yearly gathering for dues-paying fan dancers in tiny Helendale, California has blossomed into a weekend-long spectacle of exposed—and often loose-hanging—flesh. Dixie Evans, 79, founded both the Miss Exotic World pageant and the Exotic World Burlesque Museum and Striptease Hall of Fame after Lee's death in 1990. Now tassel-twirlers ranging from nubile twentysomethings to gravity-ravaged octogenarians flock to the arthritis-soothing desert heat to compete in such old-school categories as "the Shimmy" and "the Leg Show." For more photos of Miss Exotic World 2004, Dirty Martini, and other near-nekkid ladies keeping this titillating art form alive, peep exoticworldusa.org or ask Grandma.

Back in the day, strippers had *class*

Another reason to ignore the Olympics!



> FUN FACT!

In a recent survey, 50 percent of pastors said they'd viewed porn in the past year.

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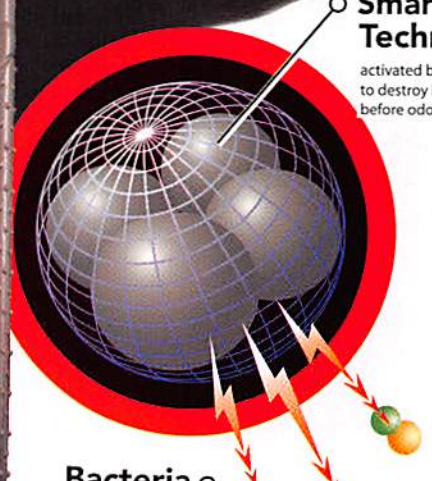

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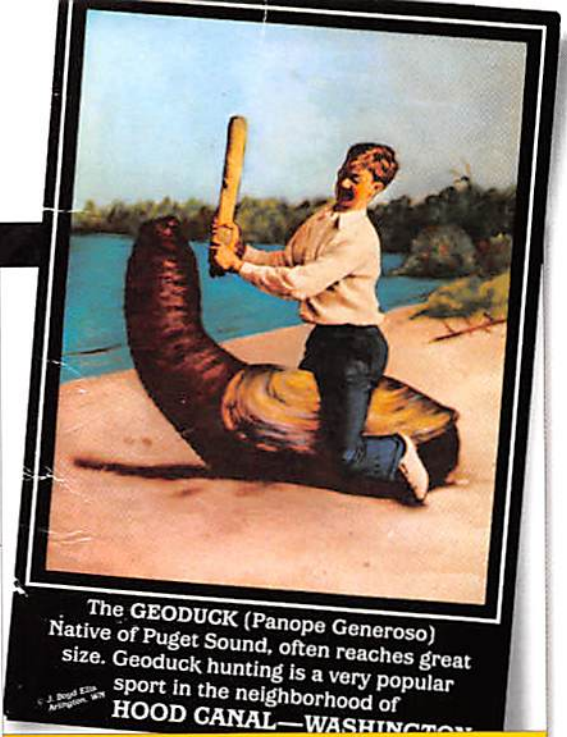
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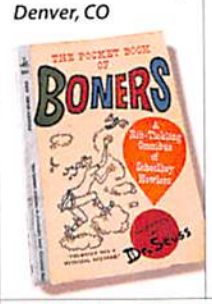
▼ **RUNNER-UP**
Welcome to the inspirational sculpture garden at the brand-spankin'-new Bill Clinton Presidential Library.
—Stephen Willis, Silver Spring, MD

▶ **THE $150 WINNER!**
Guess it's true what they say about nerdy white guys. Told ya!*—Kristen Walsh, Seattle, WA*

▶ **RUNNER-UP**
Heathens, heed the sacred words of the Right Reverend Gene Simmons. Hallelujah!
—Michael McGillion, Burlington, VT

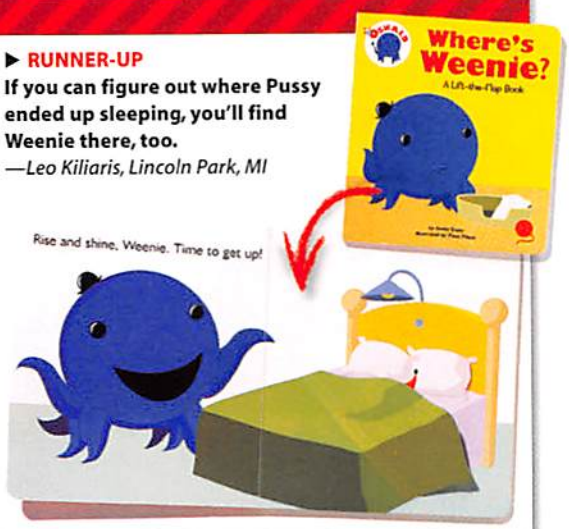
REQUIRED READING!

▼ **RUNNER-UP**
The pop-up version of this book has been banned in 47 countries.
—John W. McClure, Denver, CO



▼ **RUNNER-UP**
Heck, she can crash at our place...you know, if she's too drunk to drive home.
—R.B. Taylor, San Francisco, CA

▶ **RUNNER-UP**
If you can figure out where Pussy ended up sleeping, you'll find Weenie there, too.
—Leo Kiliaris, Lincoln Park, MI



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THE DONALD'S BEST HIRE

Mr. Trump's sexy executive assistant will let us see her now.

Name: Robin Himmler
Experience: Not only is Robin an executive assistant; she also plays one on TV— On *The Apprentice*. Four years ago, Donald Trump interviewed this New York native himself and hired her the same day. It doesn't take a model-shagging billionaire with a road kill 'do to see why: Robin's got beauty, brains, *and* the body...but few have seen it until now. "People talk about how I'm hidden behind the desk on the show," she says. "The jig is up now." We're just happy to help.
Outside interests: Sure, Robin can field the Donald's phone calls, but how's she holding up to the attention she's been getting from strange men? "I've been lucky. I do get recognized. I've even been sent flowers at work by guys," Robin recalls. "Sometimes they ask me if they can go in the boardroom." So *that's* what the kids are calling it these days!

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> FUN FACT!

Three percent of Americans don't use TP. So *that's* where those issues of *Rosie* went!

> TOY CHEST

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Have Junior crack a window before playing with these smelly action figures.

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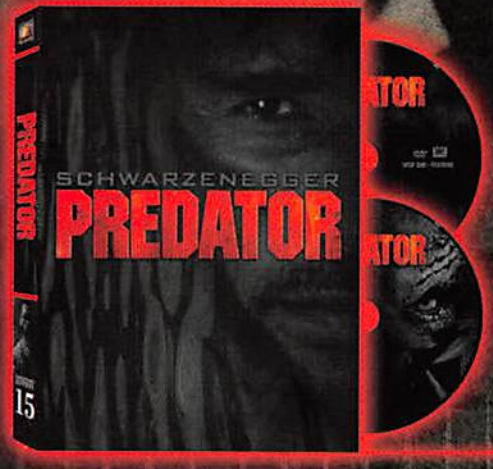

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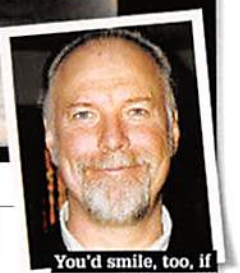


You'd smile, too, if you owned a tank

> URBAN PLANNING

SUICIDE RAMPAGE!

No one noticed as Granby, Colorado resident Marvin Heemeyer spent a year and a half fortifying a bulldozer with steel plates, cement walls, and mounted guns. Then he took aim at his town.

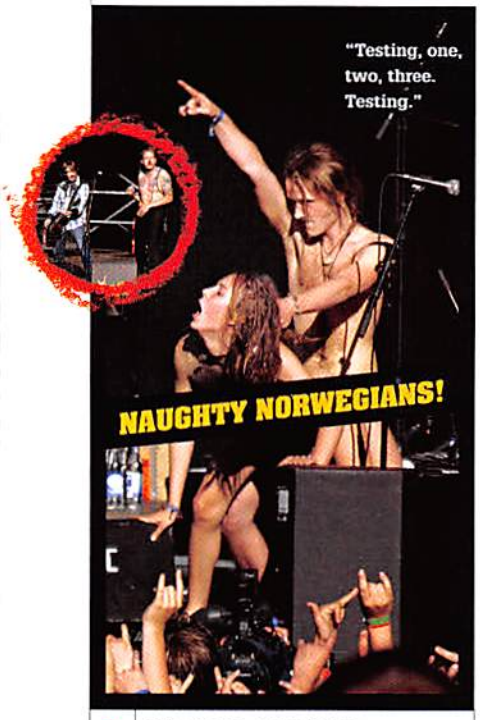
1. On June 4, Heemeyer heads toward the neighboring concrete plant, which he blames for hurting his muffler shop business. Steering with monitors hooked up to external cameras, he crushes buildings and a police car.

2. When Mad Marvin moves on to a nearby office building, police open fire—to no effect. One cop climbs aboard the dozer and fires repeatedly into a slit in the cab armor, but manages to miss his target.

3. Heemeyer hits town. . . literally. He attacks a bank, the newspaper office, the homes of people he blames for hurting his business, and a dead mayor's house. He then fires at some huge propane tanks—just for kicks!

4. As Heemeyer attempts to raze a hardware store, the bulldozer gets stuck. Trapped in the cab—the concrete hatch weighs hundreds of pounds—Heemeyer caps off the mayhem with a fatal shot to his head.

FINAL TALLY: 13 buildings dozed, $18 million in damage, and one dead would-be folk hero.



> WORLD EVENTS

THOSE WACKY FOREIGNERS!

What kind of mischief have other countries gotten up to *this* month?

CUMSHOTS CONCERT TURNS DIRTY

Norway A pair of nature-loving exhibitionists had sex onstage during a show by the Norwegian rock band the Cumshots to raise awareness for rain-forest depletion. The hot Viking coupling went on for 10 minutes—no encore—beneath a banner reading FUCK FOR FOREST.

HOG BLOOD HOGS ROAD

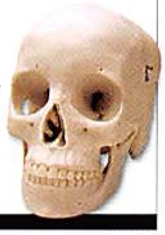
Germany A truck carrying 9,000 gallons of pig blood was rear-ended on the autobahn, unleashing a tidal wave of gore across the lawless highway. The gruesome road slick backed up cars for 13 miles in both directions, and it took several hours to unclot the traffic jam.

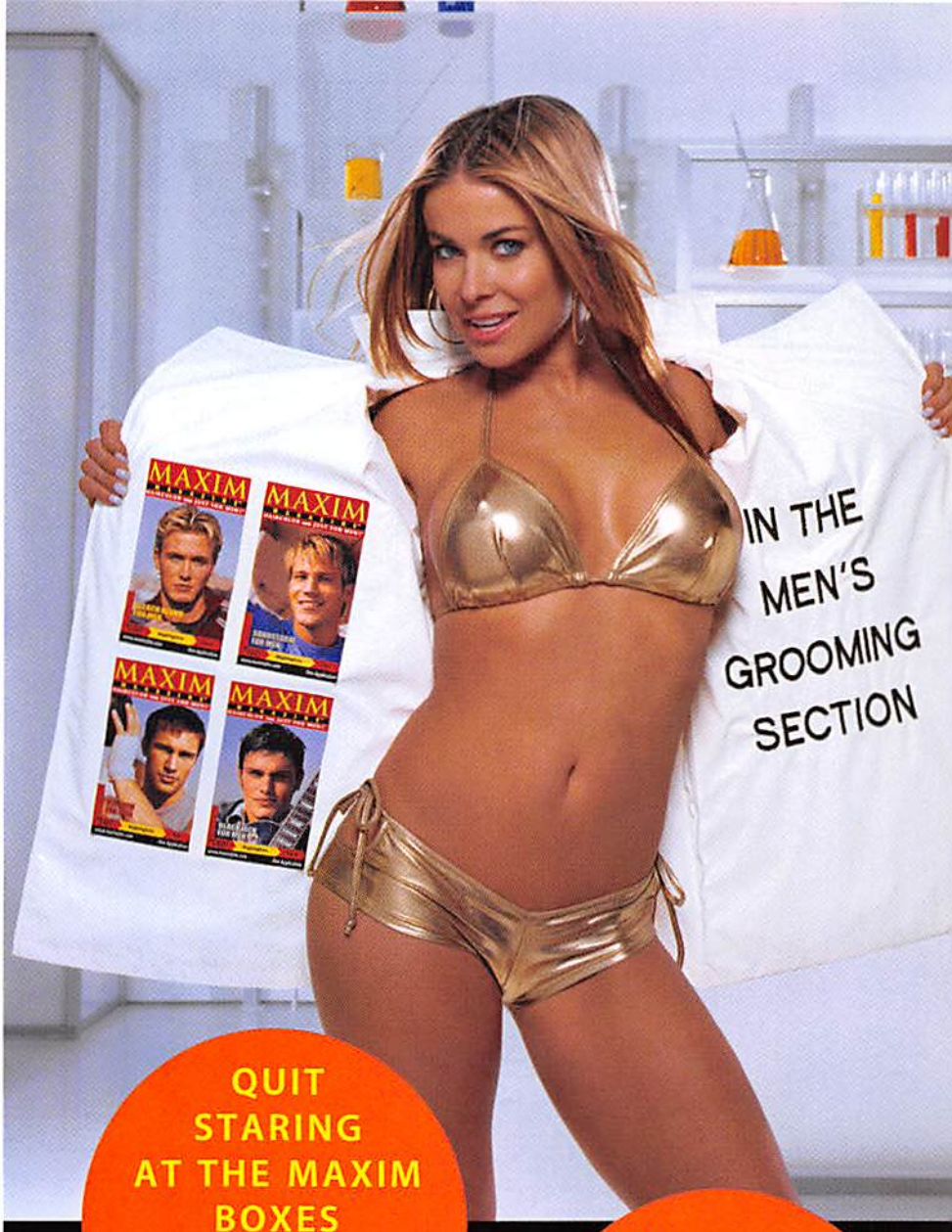
HINDUDES DON'T LIKE LESBOS

India Protesters defaced theaters, ripped up posters, and burned effigies in response to the screening of the lesbianic movie *Girlfriend*. Most were hard-line Hindus offended by the suggestion that there might be lesbians amongst the country's modest population of over one billion.

DEAD MAN UNPOPULAR

Japan A pajama-wearing corpse was found by construction workers about to demolish a supposedly abandoned apartment building. A newspaper on the man's bedstand was dated February 20, 1984—shortly after his divorce. His remains were returned to his ex-wife.





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SEX DOLLS GONE WILD

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"See Yourself in All Your Glory!" is the shameful motto of this special lady, who lets you watch your plastic-wrapped member thrust its way to epic loneliness. The solution? Pay a hooker to lie underneath the doll so it looks like you're boinking a real woman. *($30, sextoyworld.com)*
★

2. CATHY THE COW
Bovines, while great for tipping, are wary of taking it in the can (please don't ask how we know). Luckily, Cathy has no such inhibitions, and rural perverts will be pleasantly surprised when, during bestial sodomy, they tip her over and elicit an ultra-erotic "moo-o-o-o." *($18, giftapolis.com)*
★★★★★

3. BERTHA
Any mama's boy, fatty-loving sex fiend who doesn't collapse a lung inflating this massive beast will be well rewarded. In addition to a big-boned beauties DVD, Bertha comes complete with Hindenburg-like breasts, several chins, and a fat girl's haircut. Dig in! *($30, shop.xxxpresstoys.com)*
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4. G.I.L.F.
If you like your women silent, buoyant, and osteoporotic, put the classily named "Granny I'd Like to Fuck" on your Christmas wish list. Artlessly painted-on wrinkles can't replace a fistful of loose-hanging flesh, but at least this oldster won't throw out a hip during mounting. *($27, tweeker.com)*
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5. MEME THE MIDGET LOVE DOLL
What the 3'2" Meme lacks in size she more than makes up for in hot midget porn. This wee sex toy comes with *Double Midgetation*, a hard-core DVD that's entertaining *and* instructional. Gee, good things really do come in small boxes! *($20, xxxpartysupply.com)*
★★★★

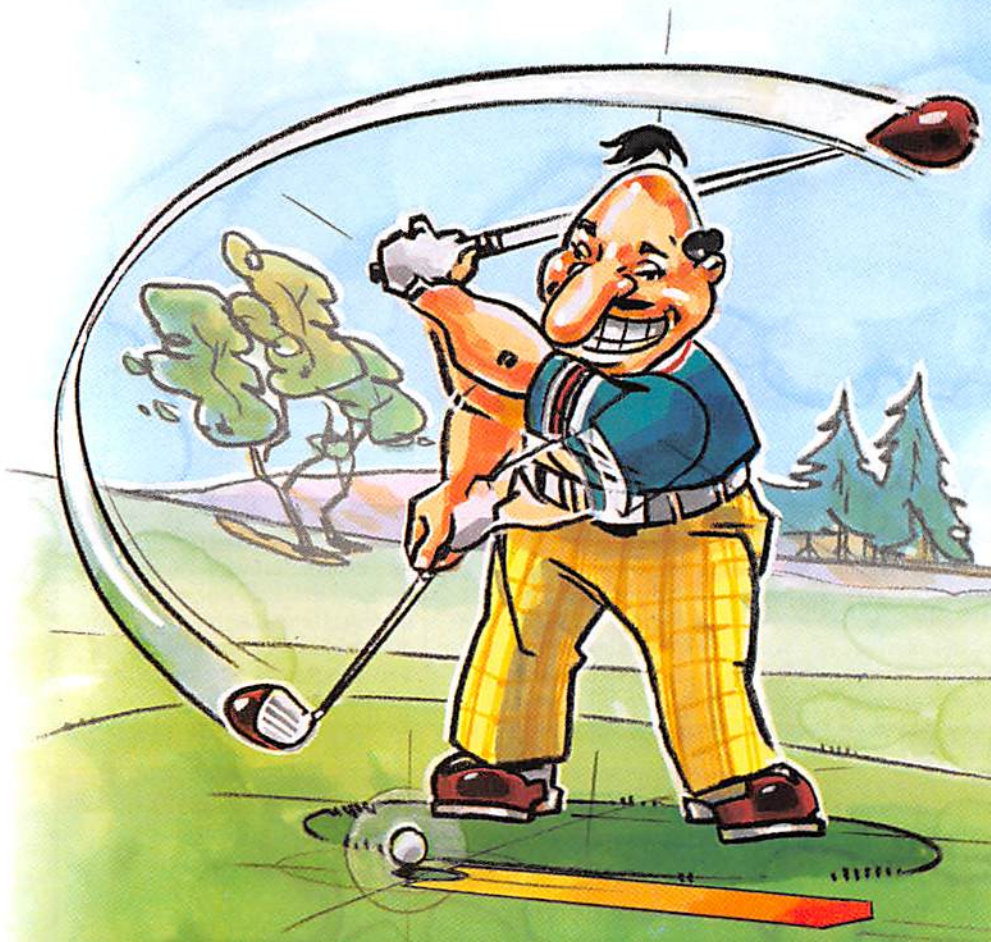
6. THE PERFECT DATE
One part concubine and two parts end table, the Perfect Date heralds a new utilitarian era in sex dolls. Although the sole option of oral action pales in comparison to the three inputs of other plastic sluts, the nymphet has weighted feet and a beer holder in her skull. Ah, love. *($15, theeroticbakery.com)*
★★★

Photograph, Bradford Noble; prop styling, Liz Engelhardt; hair and makeup, Leslie Marnet for Aartists Loft

HOT SHOTS TIPS 3

MelSuave01on improving your drive

Want some help adding distance to your drive? Let's start with the basics, shall we? You gotta dress slick to play slick. I recommend plaid with stripes. *Hot.* And speaking of stripes, the more the merrier. If your outfit isn't screaming "Fore!" you shouldn't be on the tee box.



You gotta throw some weight into your drive. For me, that extra oomph comes from the central breadbasket region. If you got it, flaunt it.

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Who ordered the smoked chicken?

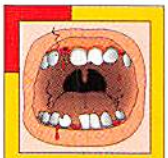
> BIRD FLU UPDATE

DEAD CHICKEN WALKING

We're extra crispy, too

First mad cow, now this—can't farm animals take care of themselves?

No, this flaming hen isn't being prepped for your McNugget-inhaling gullet—it's one of millions of chickens killed by Indonesian farmers since a strain of avian flu infected poultry all across Southeast Asia. While the pyro-happy Balinese opt to burn their chickens en masse, more sadistic places like Thailand bury their feathered friends alive. Humans can't contract the disease by downing one of the sick critters, though peasant folk can get flulike symptoms from handling the foul fowl. Nervous-nelly scientists worry that the bird flu's ability to jump species means that an airborne strain of the disease could soon evolve, which is why hundreds of farmers have had no choice but to off their livestock with extreme prejudice. Don't worry, though—we're sure that drumstick in your hand is just *fine*.



> FUN FACT!

Got a cavity? A dental clinic in Missouri has nearly a three-year wait for appointments.

> 24 HOURS IN AMERICA

YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER STATISTIC

This is a big country, and a lot can happen to a guy in one day. For instance...

1. A whopping 1,166 bastard tots are born to babymamas between the ages of 15 and 19. Hence, Bring Your Daughter to School Day.

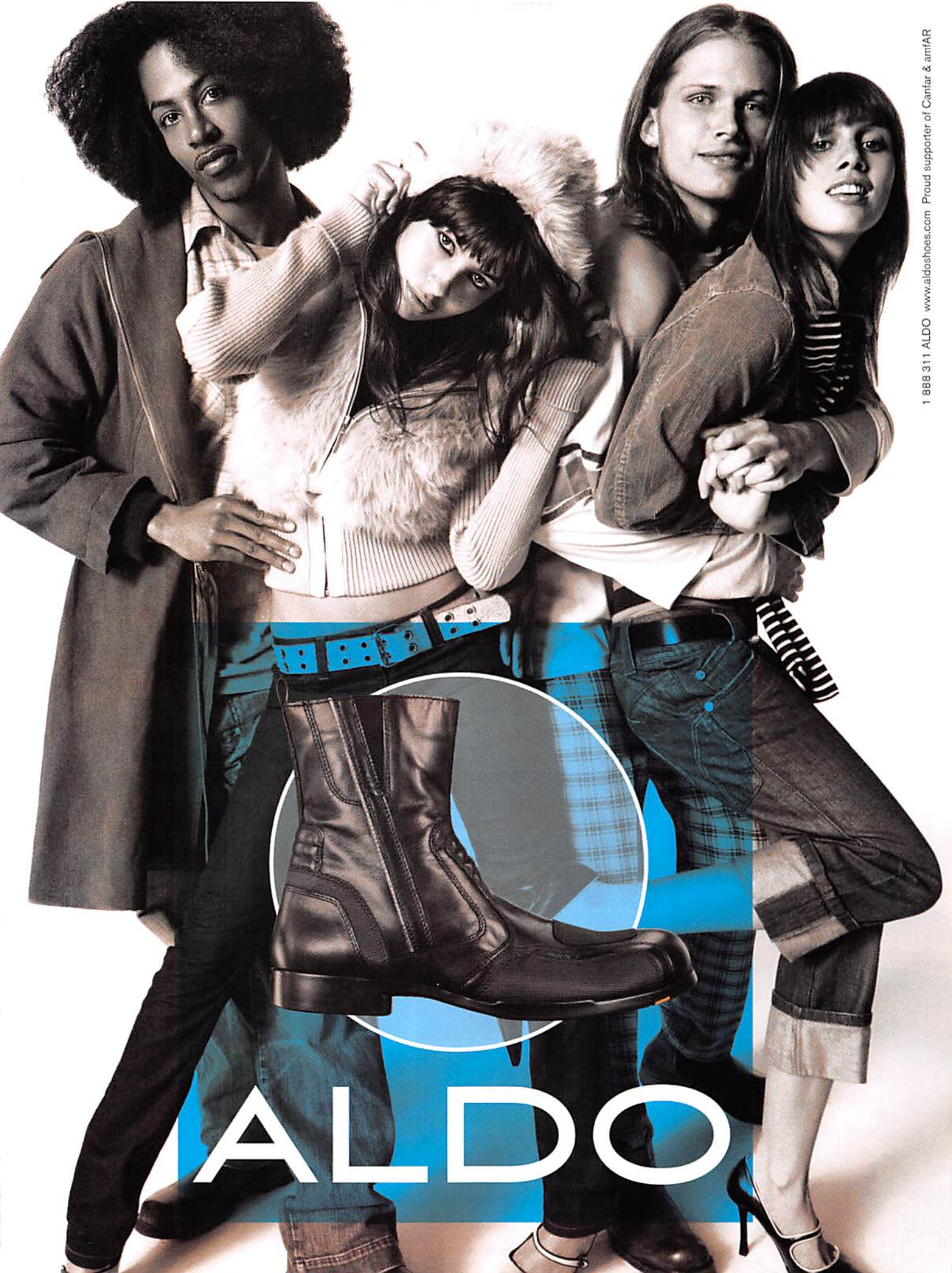
2. Want fries with that coronary? Seven percent of all Americans super-size themselves by eating at McDonald's daily.

3. But somehow everyone's still getting laid. Today 41,095 heathens will be diagnosed with an STD. Damn your sister!

4. Yankee booze-lovers run up a daily bar tab of $246,575,342. Uh, anyone got change for $300 mil?

5. Congratulations on the nuptials! Today 2.1 Americans will be offed by their unhappily married spouses. Yikes.

6. 6,620 other doomed Americans will enjoy their last day ever—1.6 of them by inhaling noxious gases.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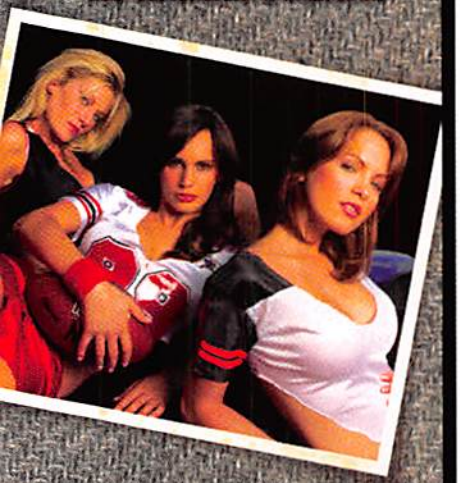

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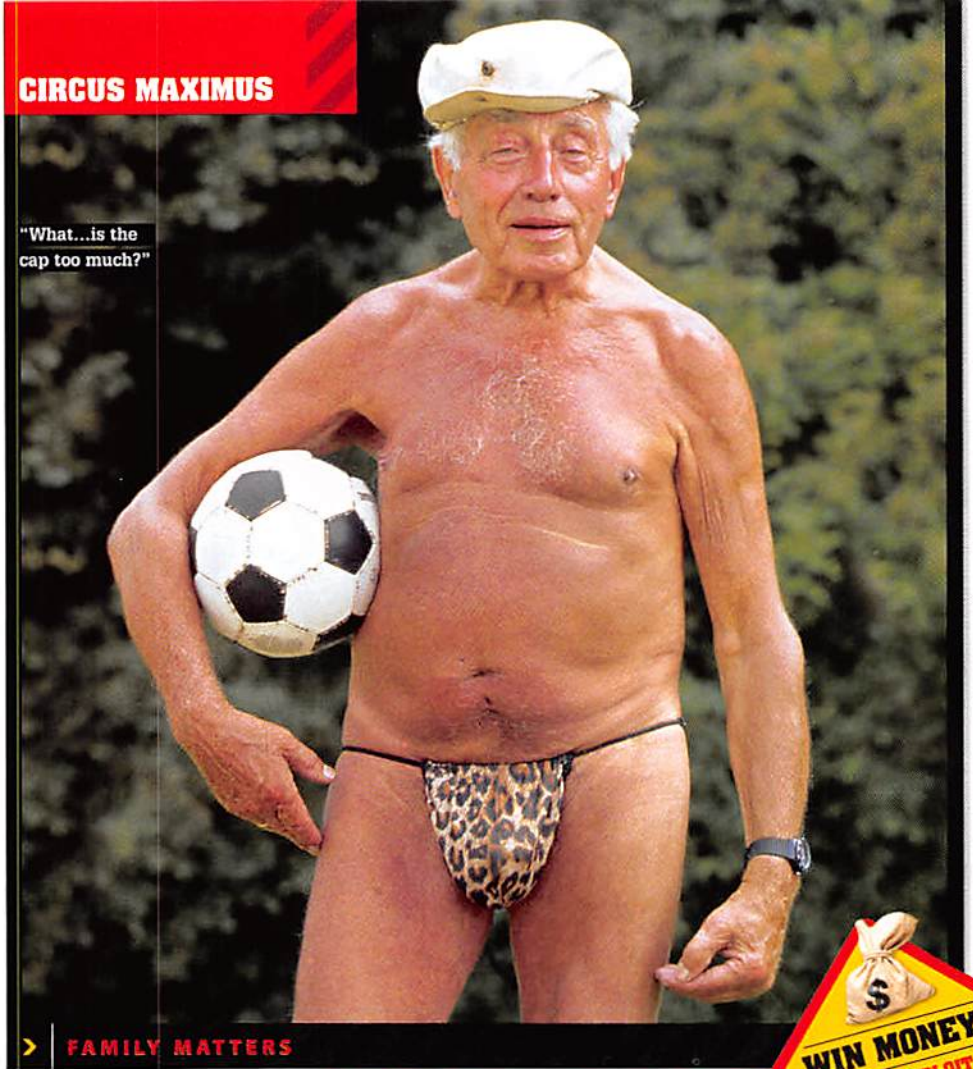

"What...is the cap too much?"

> FAMILY MATTERS

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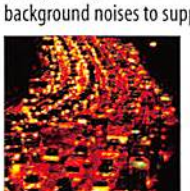

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STREET VOICES
"How could I be spending the rent money at a peeler bar if I'm outside going for a really, really, really long walk?"

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"Ah'm get ah 'oot annal ah ah 'entiss... ahh uvv ooh! Ina *great deal of pain.* Wif uck, aw *home tonight.*"

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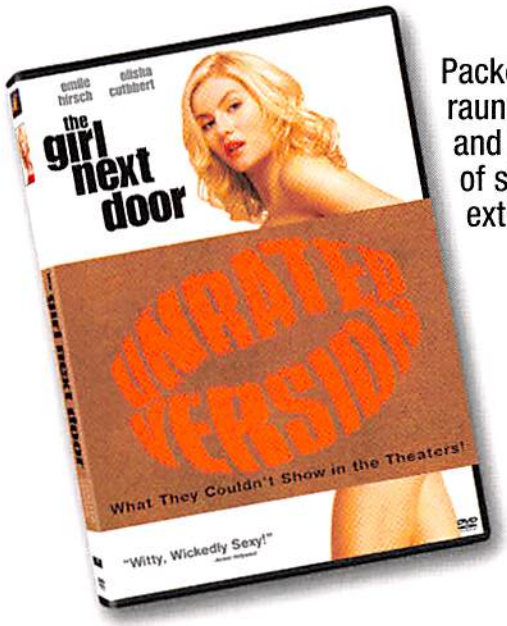

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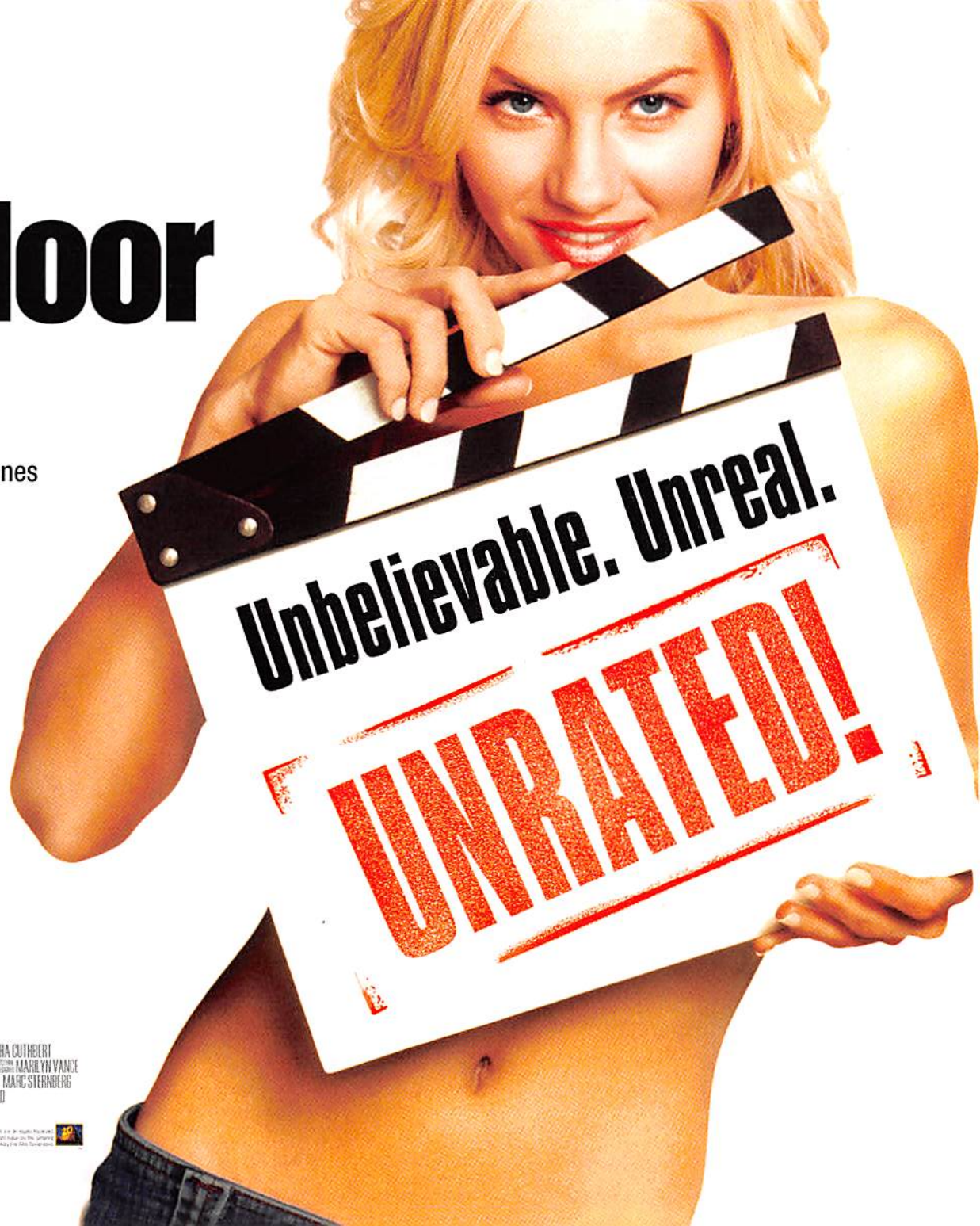

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ROUND 2

The only thing between Matrix and Round 3 now is the General. Make that *was*.

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After regulating on a giant alien brain, Rico has no problem taking out the Body.

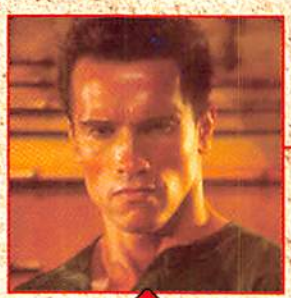
G.I. Jane gets Ashton to switch Elias' gun with a plastic toy one. Punk'd!

ROUND 3

Matrix reapplies his war paint, then declares martial law on his *Dirty Dozen* rival.

The shorn one had a chance—until Rico called in Doogie Howser for reinforcements.

FINAL ROUND



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RAMBO VS. MATRIX
The Governator crushes Rico, pitting him against Rambo, winner of the cross-generational throwdown. The result? A jungle scrum chockfull of baby oil and mangled one-liners. And the winner is...

ROUND 3

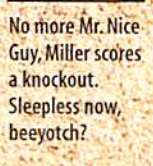
The horror. Rambo never meant for it to go this far, but for Emilio's dad, this is "The End."

The *Sands of Iwo Jima* coot impales Lieutenant Dan's good pal on one of his own Oscars.

ROUND 2

No genetic engineering can prepare one for Brando, that man-mountain.

Rambo tosses out the trailer trash. We're gonna need a lot more body bags.



No more Mr. Nice Guy, Miller scores a knockout. Sleepless now, beeyotch?

The Duke evades Winger's feared Aunt Jemima treatment. That's the fact, Jack!

ROUND 1

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CAPT. WALDEN
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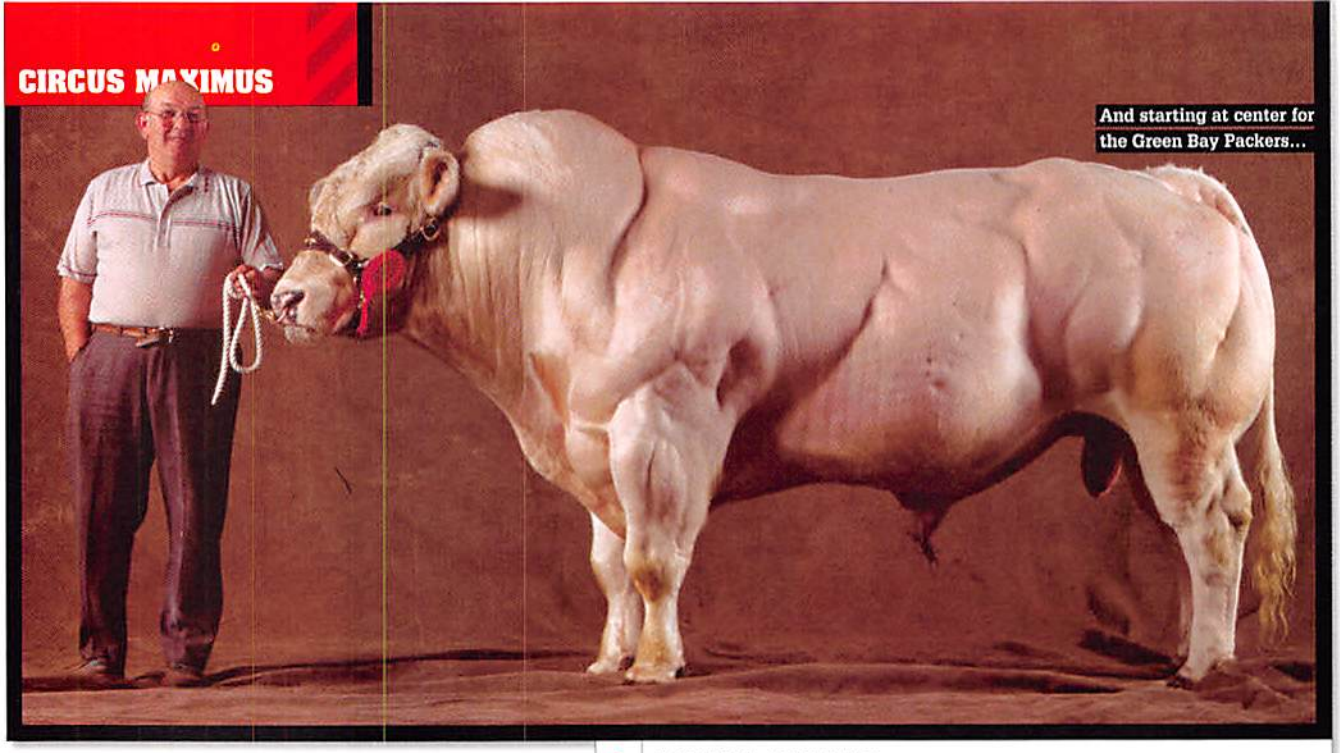


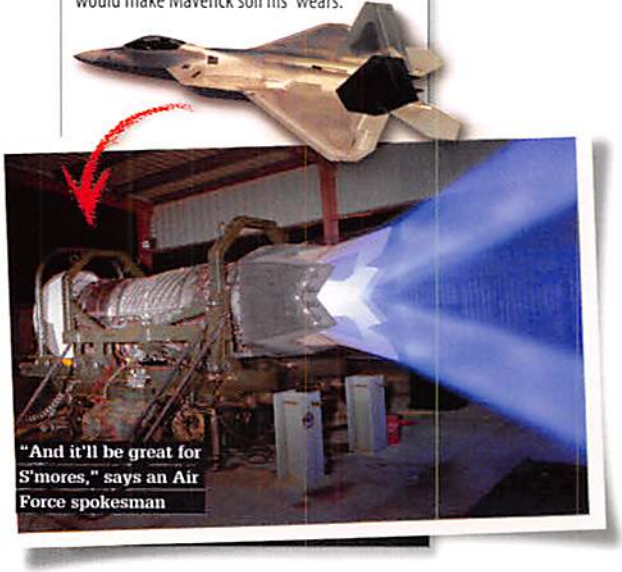
And starting at center for the Green Bay Packers...

LETHAL WEAPONS

ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR F/A-22

Set to enter service in 2005, the Air Force's next-gen fighter is coming in fast...Mach 1.5, to be exact.

The one good thing about freedom-haters is that they give the U.S. military an excuse to develop and procure lots of cool stuff. Enter the F/A-22 Raptor, powered by two of Pratt & Whitney's shiny new F119s, the most powerful fighter engines in production. Using technology we don't really understand, each engine pumps out 35,000 pounds of spine-twisting thrust and features "supercruise," the ability to leisurely fly faster than the speed of sound without using fuel-sucking afterburners. And the F119 sports a thrust-vectoring nozzle, giving Raptors maneuverability that would make Maverick soil his 'wears.



"And it'll be great for S'mores," says an Air Force spokesman

> FUN FACT!

States that raise speed limits to 70 see female and elderly road fatalities go up 10 percent.

ANIMAL TESTING

BEEFED-UP BULL

All the perks of steroids, without the genital shrinkage and backne!

Just when we thought female Ukrainian weightlifters couldn't get any uglier, scientists are experimenting with "gene doping" by replicating the natural genetic mutation that allows this totally ripped bull's pecs to grow unchecked. Lab mice at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore received the treatment years ago, but leave it to the master-race-baiting Germans to up the ante; mad scientists in Berlin are studying a muscle-bound five-year-old überkind who was born with a similar protein deficiency. Though the research is intended to find remedies for degenerative diseases like muscular dystrophy, gene doping could also replace steroids as the athlete's cheating method of choice—it's impossible to detect through standard testing. Plus, mutating DNA is *so* much easier than Pilates.

POP QUIZ

CELEBRITY FANATICS

Can you match the obsessed admirer with the ungrateful star?

☐ Nicole Kidman ☐ Meg Ryan ☐ Catherine Zeta-Jones ☐ Madonna ☐ Steven Spielberg

"Well, *this* is an awkward barbecue."

A. Jonathan Norman **B.** Dawnette Knight **C.** Matthew Hooker **D.** Robert Hoskins **E.** John Michael Hughes

Answers: Kidman, C; Ryan, E; Jones, B; Madonna, D; Spielberg, A

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GET IT RIGHT

GREAT QUOTES

Full Metal Jacket's ornery D.I. reminds his charges that guns don't kill people—U.S. Marines do.

Why all the yelling?

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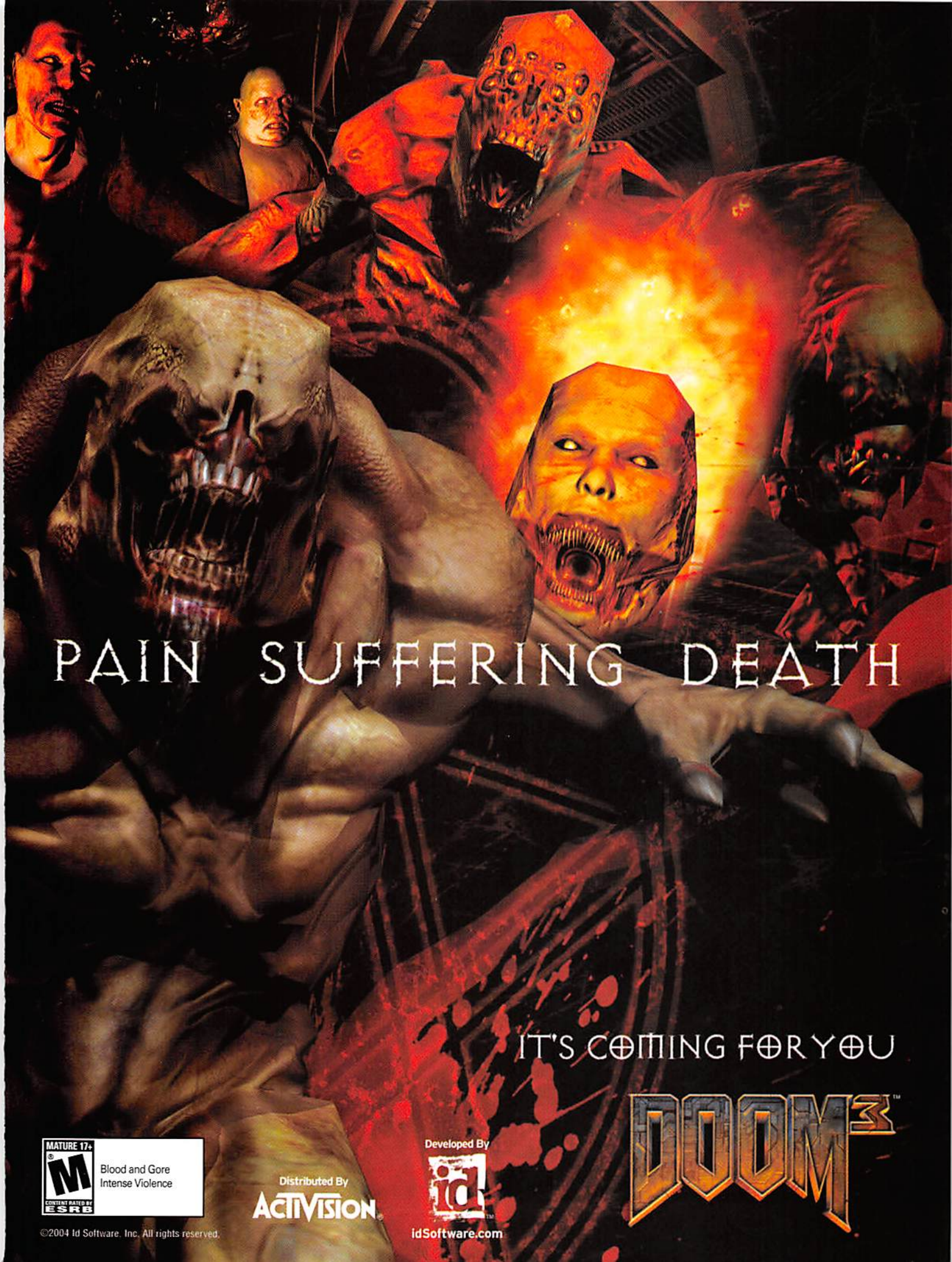
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> MAXIM WORLDWIDE

JENNIFER ELLISON

This English bird is even more fit than Queen Elizabeth! Blimey!

As seen in: British *Maxim*, April 2004
Her story: At age nine, this Liverpudlian lovely asked producers of the British soap *Brookside* for a part, but was denied. Seems all Jennifer needed was time to, um, develop, because by age 14 she scored a role. Now she's 21, with an album in the works and a part in the upcoming film *Phantom of the Opera*. Jen has it all—fame, fortune, fanatics. "I've gotten pervy letters asking for my knickers," she admits. "Like, 'OK, get me an envelope and I'll whip 'em off.'" There goes *our* plan. Anything else a man should avoid when wooing her? "Anyone who smells of tequila is done for," she says. "I start gagging if I get a whiff." Duh—everyone knows British girls dig blokes soaked in gin. Right?

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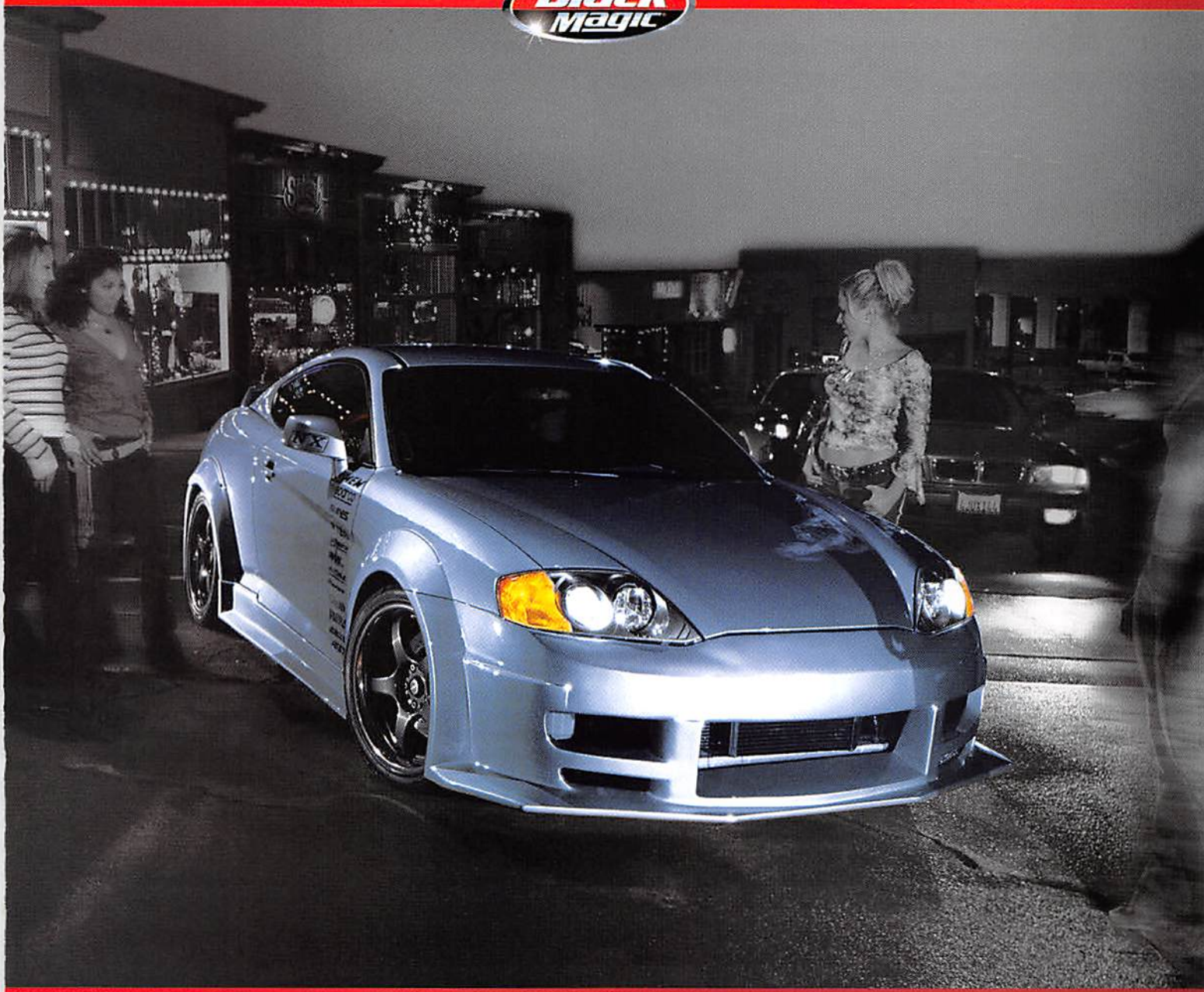

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G'HEAD, ASK US ANYTHING

Q: WHO OVERSEES THE CIA?

A: Turns out it's not an anonymous cloaked figure who attacks problems with coercion and violence. It's George W. Bush! "The Director of Central Intelligence [DCI] answers to the president," says a CIA spokeswoman. Ostensibly, Bush and his advisers tell the CIA what they'd like to know, then the CIA goes a-spyin'. The guy in charge of getting it done is the DCI. He supervises the entire U.S. Intelligence Community, which comprises the CIA, the National Security Agency, and 13 other shadowy organizations. There are also House and Senate oversight committees that rake spooks over the coals and authorize all intelligence spending—*in theory:* Their "black budget" isn't public knowledge. So the real answer to the question may simply be . . . nobody. Sleep tight!

"Psst—wanna buy a VHS copy of the *Friends* finale?"

"This slap fight is costing us a fortune!"

Q: WHY DOES GAS COST SO DAMNED MUCH?

A: The short answer: "Traders get nervous, so they raise their bids to secure supplies for the future," says Rayola Dougher, an analyst with the American Petroleum Institute. The less-short answer: OPEC, the 11-nation cartel that controls most of the world's oil spigots, tries to pump just enough to keep the per-barrel price between $22 and $28. Any lower and they're giving it away; any higher and the Griswolds start to rethink their summer road trip, lowering demand. In the past year, demand skyrocketed thanks to improving economies in Asia and the U.S., while terrorist bombings and beheadings rocked key oil-producing nations. Fearing Middle East oil would stop flowing, traders raised their bids. The per-barrel price of crude in early 2003 was $26; a year later, it peaked at $42. Add to that the higher costs of transporting gasoline (which are passed on to the consumer) and you've got a great excuse to make Granny *walk* her ass to the doctor.

"What's this doing under Mom's bed?"

Q: IF I'M FOUND GUILTY, DO I GET MY BAIL MONEY BACK?

A: As long as you show up to trial, most courts will give back your money whether you're found guilty of donkey-punching that poor ol' donkey or not. Of course, if you don't have the dough in the first place—a rough average for bail is a steep $2,500—things get a bit more complicated. You could rot in jail or put up property as collateral—what property?—*or* you could visit a friendly neighborhood bail bondsman. He promises to pay your bail, and in return you pay him about 10 percent of it even if you're found innocent. Plan to skip town? He'll be out all that money till he brings you in—and he *will* bring you in. "Of the six percent of people who fail to appear, we return 99.4 percent to the jurisdiction of the court," says Stephen Kreimer, executive director of the Professional Bail Agents of the United States. Damn unions.

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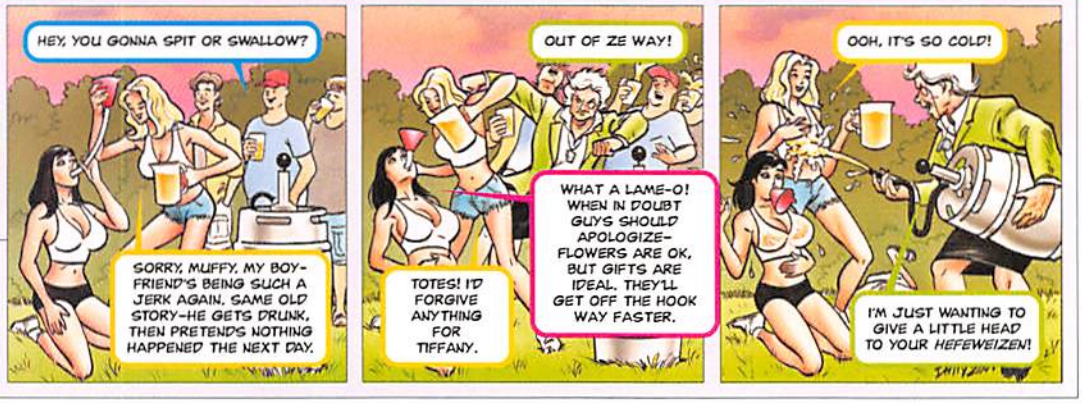
BEAUTIFUL MINDS

Trust the Girls

Forget the roses—the gals would much rather have a nice pearl necklace.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SORRY, MUFFY. MY BOYFRIEND'S BEING SUCH A JERK AGAIN. SAME OLD STORY—HE GETS DRUNK, THEN PRETENDS NOTHING HAPPENED THE NEXT DAY.
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TOTES! I'D FORGIVE ANYTHING FOR TIFFANY.
WHAT A LAME-O! WHEN IN DOUBT GUYS SHOULD APOLOGIZE—FLOWERS ARE OK, BUT GIFTS ARE IDEAL. THEY'LL GET OFF THE HOOK WAY FASTER.
OOH, IT'S SO COLD!
I'M JUST WANTING TO GIVE A LITTLE HEAD TO YOUR HEFEWEIZEN!

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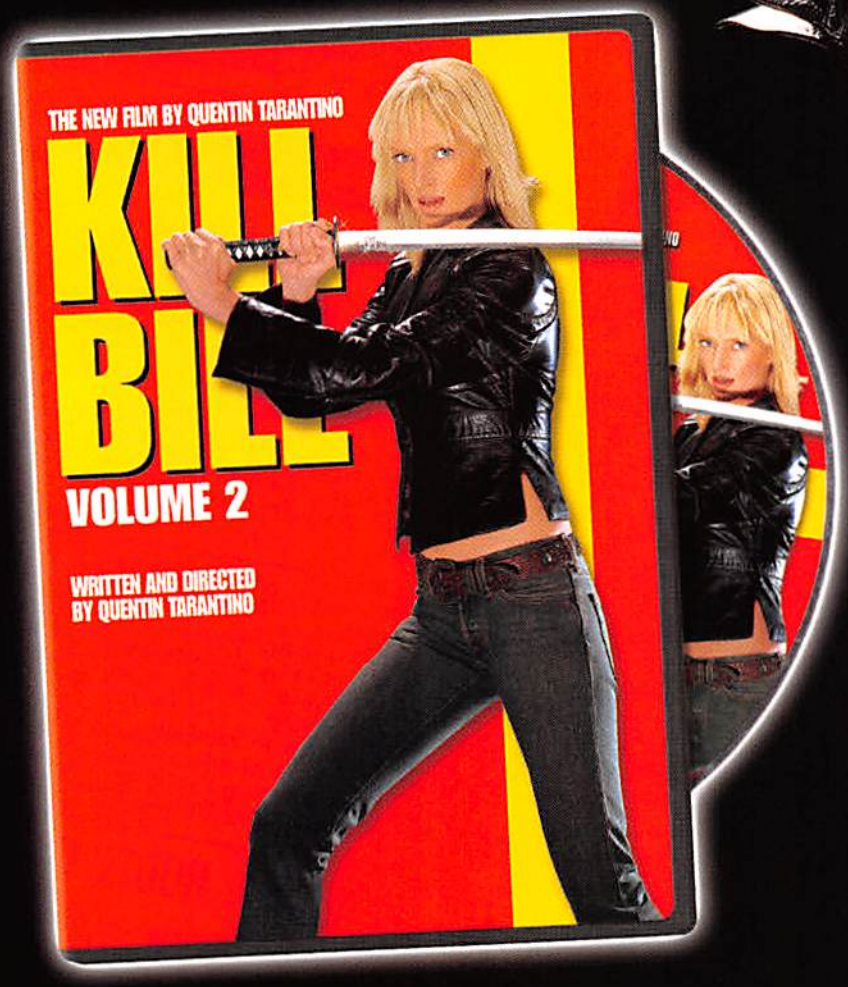

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No man is a bum if he has a destination. Here's everything you need to know to go hobo. BY CRAIG BETTER

1. THE GREAT LINES

Wanna make tracks for some new scenery? Here are four hallowed hobo routes.

1. THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN *(between Hagerstown, MD and Knoxville, TN)* Pretend you're a defeated Southerner returning to your wife/cousin as you breeze through the Shenandoah Valley. Reenactment will be easy when you lose a leg!

2. THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC *(between Oxnard, CA and San Luis Obispo, CA)* During the Great Depression, Okies looking for work used to ride this line, which skirts the beautiful Pacific Coast. Nowadays, nobody is looking for work, just sooty lovin'.

3. THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY *(between Jacksonville and Miami)* What better way to take in the Sunshine State than by hiding in a gondola car filled with rotting grapefruit and Cuban refugees? Another upside: Elderly hobos in search of Florida sun are easy to jack.

4. THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILWAY *(between Spokane, WA and Cut Bank, MT)* The magnificent Northwest is the stage as you cross the Continental Divide, passing by Glacier National Park. In winter, jostling freight cars will hide the clacking of your frozen nuts.

2. BINDLE O' JOY

What every hobo carries in his sack...besides Mad Dog 20/20.

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Food (dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter, bread)
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Dome tent
- ☐ Bedroll
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Rain jacket
- ☐ Toiletry kit
- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Rail maps
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Utensils
- ☐ Pocketknife
- ☐ Waterproof matches
- ☐ Bandanna
- ☐ Lice

6. TRACKING TIME

Hobos have a collective history almost as long as the ones on their individual rap sheets.

1848: The term *hobo* originates with migratory farm workers, nicknamed "hoe boys," then later "homeward-bound" soldiers...or "homo-boners."

1865: The Civil War ends; thousands of trained killers hit the iron road looking for something to do.

1894: The Hobo Code is inscribed in Chicago, at the Annual Congress of the Hobos of America. Rule No. 1 (we hear): Do not bathe.

1900: The annual hobo convention moves to Britt, Iowa after hobos erroneously believe it to be America's geographic center.

3. HOBO LINGO

Here's what hobos are slurring to you.

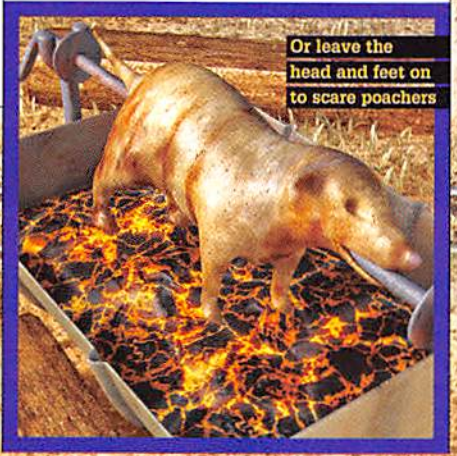
ALKI: Alcohol
BATTER: To beg
CANNONBALL OR DICER: Fast freight train that makes few stops
FLIP: To hop a train
HOTSHOT: A train that
JUNGLE: Campsite
LUMP: Money
SALLY: Salvation Army
SLAVE MARKET: Unemployment agency
STEM: Street
WILLY: Goodwill shop
WOLF: Old hobo who preys on young ones
YARD BULLS: Train yard security guards

4. EATING OUTSIDE

Roast possum: a classic hobo recipe. If you still have teeth.

1 possum (a.k.a. Hobo Helper)
2 red peppers
1 tbs. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper
8 tsp. sage
2 tbs. lemon juice (or just substitute urine)
4 large sweet potatoes
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
8 tsp. ginger

Get a possum (watch for traffic!). Skin and gut it, removing the head, feet, and tail. Stick it in a pot with peppers and cold water. Boil and simmer an hour, then drain. Place the critter on a rack inside a pot, adding a fresh cup of water. Sprinkle salt, pepper, sage, and lemon juice. Set potatoes around the possum and dust with sugar, cinnamon, and ginger. Cover and cook on low for two hours till crisp and unrecognizable as a dirty varmint.

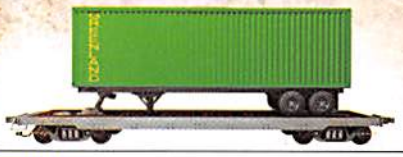


5. TRAINSPOTTING

On the hobo highway, a bad car can become your coffin. Choose wisely.

GRAINER: Also called a hopper, its inward-slanting end provides a cubby to ride in. Sit in the rear to avoid wind, bugs, and fellow riders who forgot to hold on.

PIGGYBACK: This is simply a trailer truck sitting atop a flatbed. It's abundant and, like your sister, easy to mount—you just climb up in the middle of the car, then sit behind the wheels to block the wind.



BOXCAR: The Cadillac of freight cars, boxcars are roomy and completely enclosed. Hop up on your belly to the chest-high floor. Jam the door open or it could lock, making you hobo jerky on a warm day.

GONDOLA: An open-top, Dumpster-like container that, like grainers, is boarded by the end ladders. Along with providing great cover, it can be ridden when full if the cargo is semisoft—like cow manure!

DOUBLE-STACK: A low-lying car used for moving shipping containers. They don't provide much cover, but they do give you four feet of space on either end to kick back, relax, and take in engine fumes.

1930s: Due to the Great Depression, rail riders seeking work peak at 2 to 2.5 million. Many will later get jobs in WWII—as cannon fodder!

1950s: Transition from steam to faster diesel trains leaves feeble old hobos watching from the platform.

1957: Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* is published; thousands of cuffed-jeans-wearin' mama's boys hit the road to find themselves.

1974: To preserve history, Hood River Blackie, Steamtrain Maury, Feather River John, and long-forgotten Poopie Pants McGee form the Hobo Foundation.

1989: Hobo Museum in Britt, Iowa formed; sadly, artifacts mistakenly tossed in garbage. A hobo cemetery comes in 1990 for those who've "caught the westbound."

1998: *Hobo Times* magazine goes under, citing illiterate subscriber base.

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TRAINING WHEELS

You're mostly employed, have some money saved up, and are tired of Dad's hand-me-down Skylark? Here are three rides worthy of popping your first-car cherry. BY JON WILDE

SCION tC

Eager for a ride with big pimpin' features but unable to spend that big pimpin' scrilla? Then this is your ticket to ride.

SPEC CHECK
PRICE: **$16,000** BHP: **160**
ENGINE: **2.4-liter four-cylinder**
0–60: **7.5 seconds**

Prison-cell interiors, tanklike aerodynamics, and motors jacked from lawn mowers: These are the classic features of economy cars. But manufacturers have recently started pumping so-called "budget" rides full of primo gear in order to reel in young buyers. Hence Scion, Toyota's upstart marque designed to win newbies' loyalty—and money—in the hopes they'll graduate to a Toyota or Lexus come promotion time. After its first two offerings ended up appealing mainly to urban hipsters, Scion has unveiled a ride perfect for the everyman—the Scion tC, an inexpensive hatchback with a list of standard features that reads like the spec list from a far more expensive luxury car.

WISE UP #1

Drive more than 15,000 miles a year? Don't lease, since your contract will charge at least 10 cents per mile over that common limit.

Bang for your buck: Besides the regulars—AC, power windows and locks, cruise control—the tC is equipped with distinctly non-econo features, like 17-inch alloys, remote keyless entry, and a 160-watt Pioneer MP3-CD sound system capable of cranking out that romantic Slipknot mix you burned for your girlfriend. But coolest of all is the massive panorama ceiling that lets passengers in the front and backseats see all the caked-on pigeon poop with startling clarity. Still, those features wouldn't mean much if Scion hadn't forgone the anemic engines from the xA and xB for the Camry's 160 bhp mill, giving the tC the oomph to smoke geriatrics weaving along the freeway. If Scion has fixed the quality problems that plagued last year's model, your worst beef will be the tC's simple styling. But you can amp it up with about 40 extras, like ground effects or sport pedals. Sure, they'll drive the price skyward—but that's why God gave you *two* kidneys! ▶

Luxury features at your fingertips

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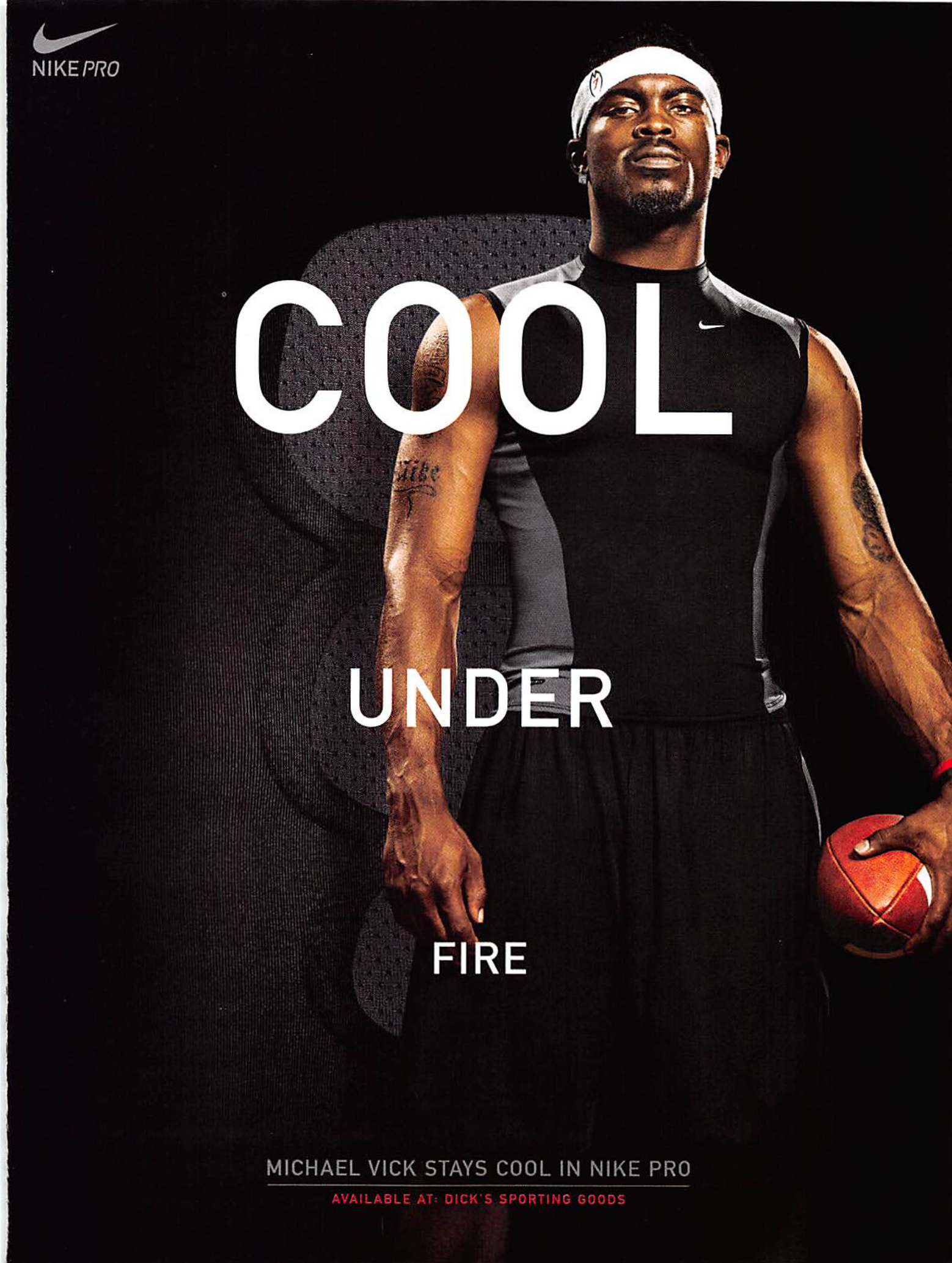
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SPEC CHECK
PRICE: $20,000 (est.) BHP: 205
ENGINE: 2.0-liter supercharged four-cylinder 0–60: 6.4 seconds (est.)

As a general rule, you want your first car to be reliable *and* cool—which is why young buyers have historically avoided Chevrolets like they do doilies and polyester golf pants. But even the relatively conservative auto industry has come to realize that courting youth is a lucrative way to do business, and Chevy is now working overtime to carve a new rep for itself. Undeniable proof that the bow-tie brand is downright serious about building better cars comes in the form of the all-new Cobalt SS Supercharged Coupe, Chevy's first entry into the increasingly crowded pocket rocket segment.

WISE UP #2

Get preapproved financing from lenders like capitalone.com. Salesmen will screw you on—and in—the back end by jacking your interest rates, costing you thousands.

Bang for your buck: Chevy's first brilliant move was scrapping the tired Cavalier in favor of the Cobalt, a compact that vastly improves on its predecessor, with a 2.0-liter Ecotec mill, 'roided up with an Eaton supercharger and kept frosty by an air/water intercooler. We don't know how it all works, but we *do* know that pinning the accelerator unleashes 205 eager ponies. Wrap your trembling hand around the short-throw five-speed manual tranny (sorry, ladies—there's no automatic option) and lay down the Pirelli Z-rated tires on your way to a top speed of 143 mph. A tight and low suspension keeps the car planted, while dinner-platter-size disc brakes reside fore and aft to prevent any unwanted introductions to passing trees. Aside from a sizable rear spoiler, the uninspired Cobalt—like the Pontiac GTO—could be mistaken for any middle manager's boring daily ride. Inside it's a much different story, with leather upholstery, titanium-face gauges, and satin nickel accents that look like they were stolen from a Benz. Although six-footers can sit pretty up front, any coupe's backseat is going to feel cramped. At least the car's 60-40 splitting bench backseat gives you plenty of options, whether you're planning on camping, moving, or having your modest monthly car payments double as rent. ▶

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CAR CARE

JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK

Stock your new car with this key emergency gear, *then* embark on your Antarctic road trip.

ROAD FLARES $1
More than 2,000 drivers a year die when they pull onto the shoulder and get hit by a car. To save yourself, put a flare 100 feet, 50 feet, and one yard behind your beater. Then strap 10 to your chest and demand a lift. *(redesupply.com)*

DISPOSABLE BLANKET $5
It's not as soft as the afghan your convict pen pal knitted, but this blanket lets you flag down drivers, stay warm, or pitch a makeshift tent. Bonus: Wrap up dead hitchhikers so blood can't stain the trunk! *(chiefsupply.com)*

FIX-A-FLAT $5
Unless your tire's been chewed up by grizzlies, you can leave the jack in the car and pump your radial with this aerosol gunk. Then fill up the tire with more air and you'll be back to driving recklessly over broken glass in no time. *(fixaflat.com)*

VECTOR START-IT ELITE $85
With a rechargeable battery at its core, this nifty gadget eliminates the need for a second car to jump your ride. Plus, the air compressor and 12-volt DC outlet give you options for interrogating evildoers. *(autozone.com)*

LEATHERMAN PULSE $50
Seem pricey? The Pulse is actually 14 tools in one, including pliers, screwdrivers, and a knife. Windshield wipers loose? Tighten 'em up. Deer impaled on your car grill? Clean it and enjoy dinner. *(amazon.com)*

EMERGENCY KNIFE/ FLASHLIGHT $20
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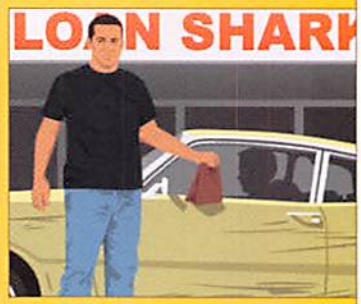

1. DO THE MATH

Mom was right: Know what you can blow. "A monthly payment should be one fifth of your take-home pay," says Philip Reed, editor of car site edmunds.com. Multiply that by 60 (12 months times five years of payments) and that's what you can drop on your dream ride.

2. GET SMART

Visit edmunds.com for a car's MSRP, invoice, and true market value (its average selling price). Look for manufacturer's incentives and rebates that pad a dealer's profit, leaving room to negotiate. And call dealers for quotes—they'll try to lure you in with a good price.

3. PLAY ROUGH

Hold out for a number from the salesman first; it might be less than you expected. Then force him to negotiate up from your offer, not down from his. If he leaves to "talk to his manager" (a popular mindfuck technique), say *you've* got somewhere to go. He'll break; you'll win.

WISE UP #3

Don't go for more than five-year financing; depreciation will leave your car practically worthless come trade-in time.

SUBARU LEGACY 2.5 GT

It's quicker'n a jackrabbit with its ass on fire—and mighty purty to boot.

SPEC CHECK
PRICE: $26,000 BHP: 250
ENGINE: 2.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder boxer 0–60: 6.2 seconds

Buying a Subaru used to mean one of two things: Wifey made you get it to keep Junior safe, or all that granola had addled your feeble brain. But with the 2001 introduction of the speedy Impreza WRX—along with its ballsier big brother, the STi, two years later—the automaker earned lots of street cred. And the more refined, redesigned Legacy 2.5 GT continues that, uh, legacy.

Bang for your buck: A slightly detuned version of the STi's turbocharged boxer engine strikes a perfect balance between neck-wrenching speed and smooth riding, while Subaru's signature symmetrical all-wheel-drive system keeps you from skidding across Dead Man's Curve and into the raw sewage creek below. For just over a grand, anyone missing his left leg can still select gears with the automatic transmission's Sportshift manual setting, or let the slushbox work its magic as it senses lateral G forces and decides when to hold a gear through the corner, eliminating shift lag when you're carving the esses on your way to pick up groceries for Mom. Yet while the STi motor is welcome in the GT, Subaru made the right move by *not* cribbing the rally car's body design. We enjoy balls-out body kits as much as the next apple-cheeked boy racer, but the *2 Fast 2 Furious* look not only attracts the fuzz but also fails to impress when shuttling the boss and his secretary to Motel 6 every Wednesday. Instead, the GT's taut yet understated lines turn heads just enough to make people wonder if it's a speed demon or a luxury sedan as you cruise past. A chrome-accented grill and side mirrors with integrated blinkers bring to mind upscale European luxury, while an air-intake scoop on the hood makes onlookers yearn to hear the roar of the beast churning below. (Downside? That beast is *thirsty*—plan on it guzzling plenty of gas.) Inside, curl your girlishly soft hands around the leather-wrapped Momo steering wheel and relax in seats that keep your butt glued in place. Finally, something that doesn't flee at the thought of holding you. M

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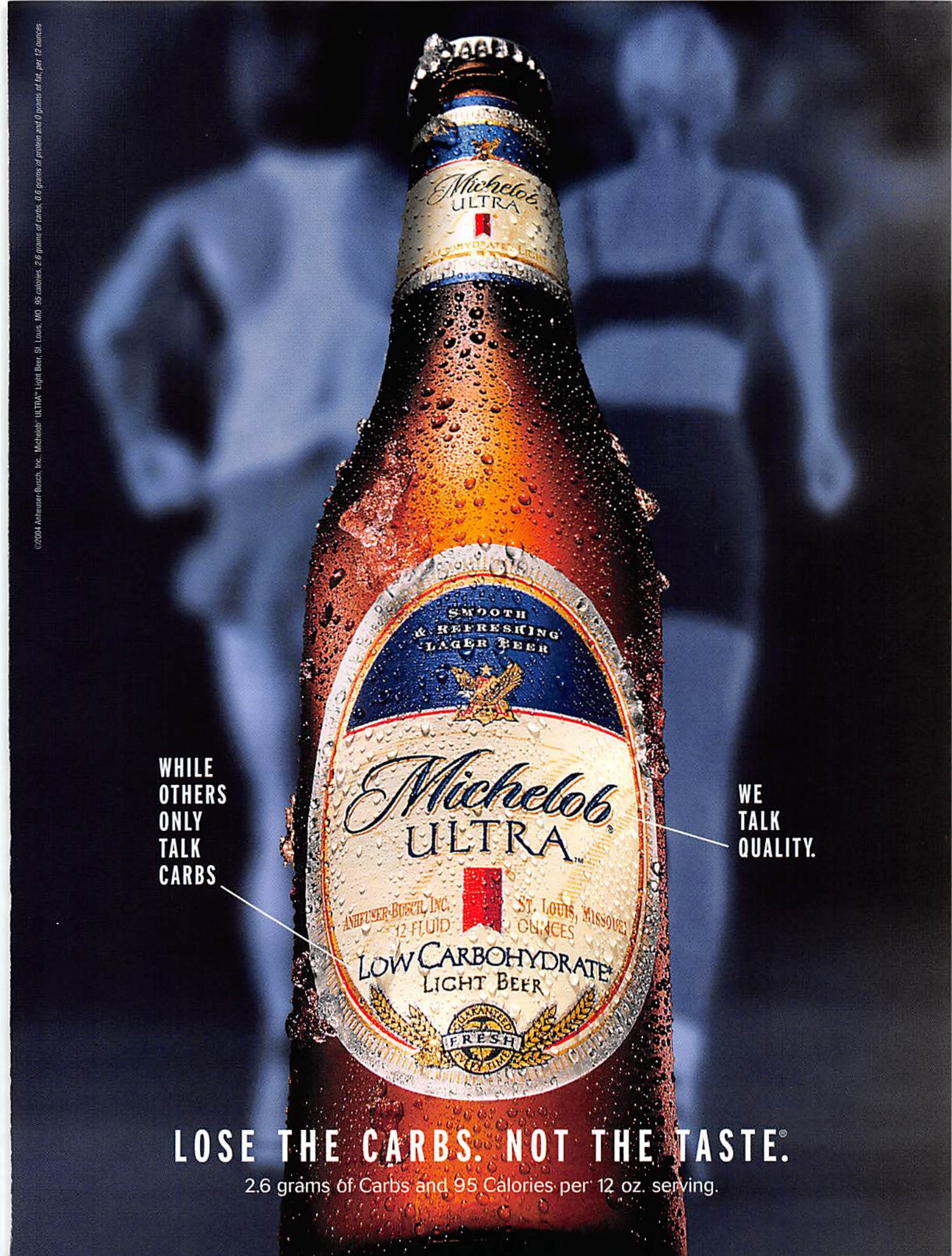
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STEAK & CHEESE ($5.75)
Muggsy's Sub Galley, Yankton, South Dakota
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CUBAN SANDWICH ($5.55)
Latin American Cafeteria, Miami, Florida
The best Cuban imports tend to be things you put in your mouth—cigars, rum, women, and now the traditional Cuban sandwich. The locos at L.A.C. pile on the ham, pork, cheese, pickles, and mustard until the gutbuster hits a pound. The meat is roasted on site in the heart of anti-Castro country, and the bread comes daily from a Cuban bakery. Tums and guayaberas sold separately. *(9796 SW 24th St., 305-226-2393)*

FRENCH DIP ($4.60)
Philippe the Original, Los Angeles, California
Perfection often comes in threes: red, white, and blue; Mary-Kate, Ashley, and you; and beef, beef juice, and bread: a sublime combo that's best at Philippe's. More than 80 years after the French dip was invented here, the octogenarian crowd, hopped up on 10-cent coffee, gums a *thousand pounds* of meat *daily* at this restaurant/heart disease dispensary. *(1001 North Alameda St., 213-628-3781; philippes.com)*

BRISKET SANDWICH ($2.50)
Kreuz Market, Lockhart, Texas
Kreuz (pronounced "Krites") only sells its famous meat by the pound, but locals, loyalists, and now you know to ask for a "sandwich slice," using fingers to show how much you want. Servers carve the meat onto pink butcher's paper and toss in two slices of bread. *You* haul your ass back to the picnic tables and assemble with sides of onions, tomatoes, and avocados. *(619 N. Colorado St., 512-398-2361; kreuzmarket.com)*

I don't eat no manwich / Kickin' back coolin' with a cold grits sandwich.
—Kid Rock

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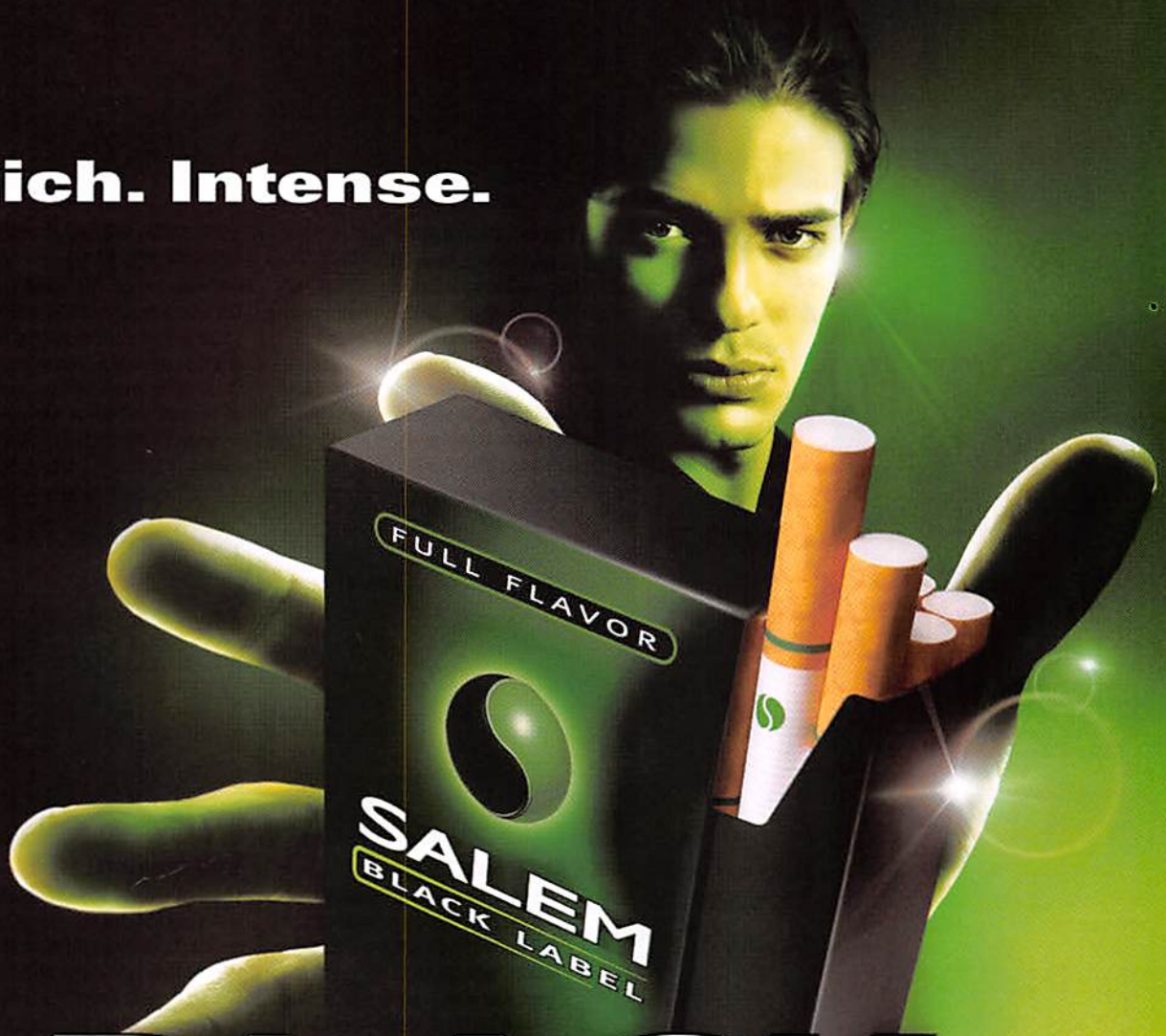

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Schwabl's, West Seneca, New York

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THE SOUTHSIDE SLOPES HEADWICH ($7.95)

Fat Head's Saloon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

This brew pub starts its tribute to Polish culture with a human-head-size bun. Appropriately enough, it's empty, so they add a 10 oz. kielbasa and pierogi. Cheese, grilled onions, and horseradish sauce top off this monster. "Most people can't finish it," boasts owner Glenn Benigni. Hmm . . . them's fightin' words. *(1805 E. Carson St., 412-431-7433; fatheads.com)*

Well, then we want the ring back!

THE PEACE MAKER ($7.99)

Acme Oyster House, New Orleans, Louisiana

This Big Easy legend is half shrimp, half oysters, fried in a Cajun-seasoned voodoo batter. As for the name: "It's so good, your woman will forgive anything if you bring her one," says Acme's Ben Hennington, and he's got a point: Your mom loved it! *(724 Iberville St., 504-522-5973; acmeoyster.com)*

THE COMBO ($5.35)

C&K Barbecue, St. Louis, Missouri

In this tiny BBQ shack on a lonely stretch of I-70, the Brantley family bakes pig snout until it's good and crunchy, then they simmer rib tips and plop it all on Wonder Bread. In *Barbershop* Cedric the Entertainer informs his boys that they haven't had good BBQ till they've had C&K. He's right. A sign reads, THE SECRET'S IN THE SAUCE. We agree, and we're not ashamed to say it! *(4390 Jennings Station Rd., 314-385-8100)*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

AMERICAN HEROES

Meet the stars of our sandwich-scarfing Hall of Fame.

WIMPY

Eff that spinach-greens-eating noise! As chubby as he was thrifty, Popeye's derby-hat-wearin' pal loved him his hamburgers. But would the notorious J. Wellington Wimpy gladly pay the cardiologist Tuesday for emergency coronary bypass surgery today?

SCOOB AND SHAGGY

Everyone else was all, "Let's dress gay and solve mysteries," but Shags and the Scoob-man were like, "*Dude.*" 'Cuz you know what would be awesome in a sandwich? Cheese and bananas! With, like, watermelon? And a hot dog? But also, like, pep-pers. Huh, huh. Zoinks!

DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD

What prevented this line-drawn working stiff from coming home every day, downing a six-pack, and beating that mongrel dog Daisy? A mile-high sandwich eaten in the company of Blondie, his piece-of-ass wife and comic-strip namesake.

RON JEREMY

The three-legged porn star has often provided the proverbial meat in dozens of on-screen silicone sex sandwiches. And given his not-so-Hollywood Rubenesque physique, we're guess-ing he also loves going down on that *other* kind of sandwich, too.
—*Alfred Schulz*

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THE NUKE ($5.75)

The Staggering Ox, Helena, Montana

"This is Montana, so we don't have celebrities," says Keith Clevenger, whose sandwich is famous in its own right. That's 'cause it rolls Montana ham, roast beef, turkey, and three cheeses—topped off with cucumber-dill "camel spit." The whole shebang is then shimmied into a beer cozy-esque Clubfoot Bun and served to grateful common folk. *(400 Euclid, Lundy Center, 406-443-1729; staggeringox.com)*

THE FAT DARRELL ($4.75)

R.U. Grill & Pizza, New Brunswick, New Jersey

After last call, munchie-addled Rutgers kids mob College Avenue, where an army of "grease trucks" are parked 24/7. The Fat Darrell started in 1997 when, hungry and low on cash, student Darrell Butler begged the guy inside the R.U. Hungry truck to put everything he was craving—chicken fingers, mozzarella sticks with marinara, and French fries—on one roll. The next 10 people in line ordered it, too, and soon this arterial clusterfuck was the bestseller on campus, and R.U. got to move into a real live building. Now career-minded Rutgers grads have a place to eat *and* work! *(142 Easton Ave., 732-828-1128; fatdarrell.com)* M

TORTURE TEST

SUBPAR MEALS

Sure, fat Americans love to devour fast-food sandwiches. But will vile sewer rats eat the stuff?

1. QUIZNOS

Ingredients: A measly three slices of turkey and a vellum sheet of mayo. Quiznos was inexplicably out of lettuce and tomato, so their toasted sub looked like an oversize Hot Pocket with a sickly turkey dermis inside.

Rat rating: The scavenging cretins would rather gnaw your cable line—only one brave rat tried Quiznos.

2. SUBWAY

Ingredients: A respectable stack of turkey slices, but a little too much lettuce—there was enough to sculpt a baby mouse with just the greens that fell out.

Rat rating: Three underground-dwelling omnivores went for this deli abomination.

Afterward, we fed it to the interns

3. BLIMPIE

Ingredients: Extreme turkey! The processed pale mound was, like us, inches thick. It was topped with an unidentifiable brown sludge and an ominous 13 black olives.

Rat rating: This was a rodent fave, winning over five scaly-tailed testers. —*Zack Rosen*

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THE TIME REGIME

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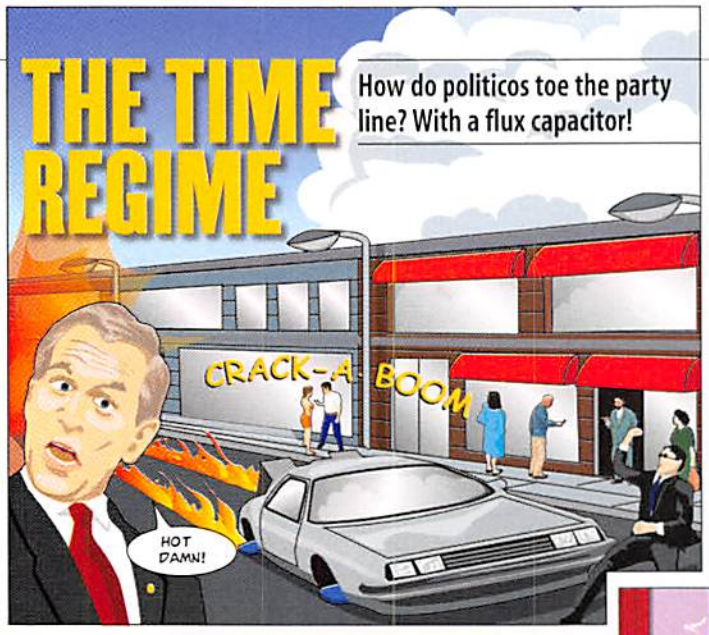
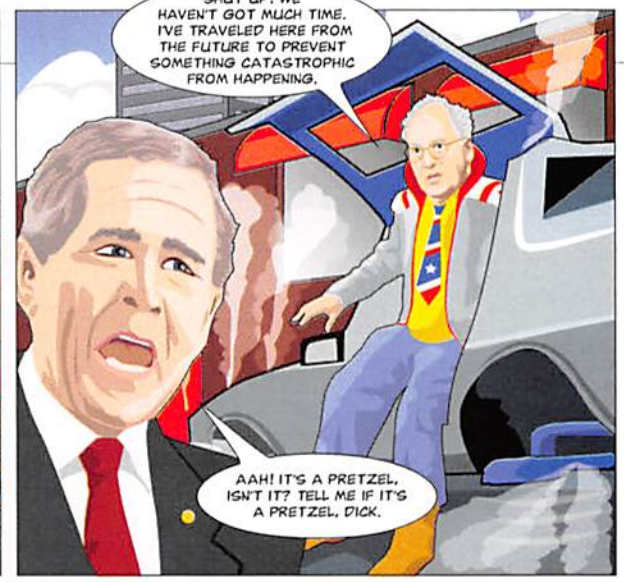
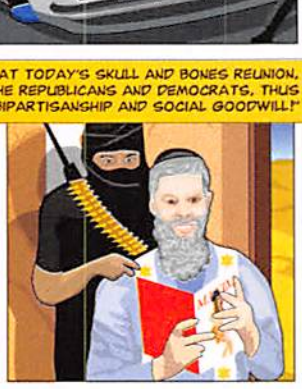
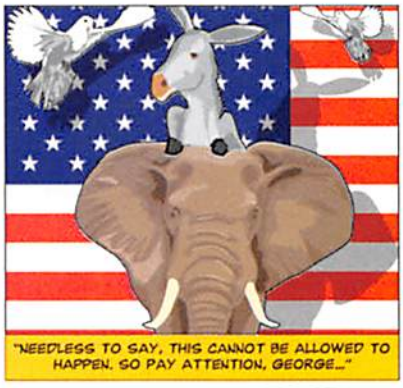



SHUT UP! WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME. I'VE TRAVELED HERE FROM THE FUTURE TO PREVENT SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC FROM HAPPENING.
AAH! IT'S A PRETZEL, ISN'T IT? TELL ME IF IT'S A PRETZEL, DICK.

"GEORGE, WHEN YOU MEET JOHN KERRY AT TODAY'S SKULL AND BONES REUNION, YOU BEFRIEND EACH OTHER AND UNITE THE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS, THUS HERALDING AN UNPRECEDENTED ERA OF BIPARTISANSHIP AND SOCIAL GOODWILL!"

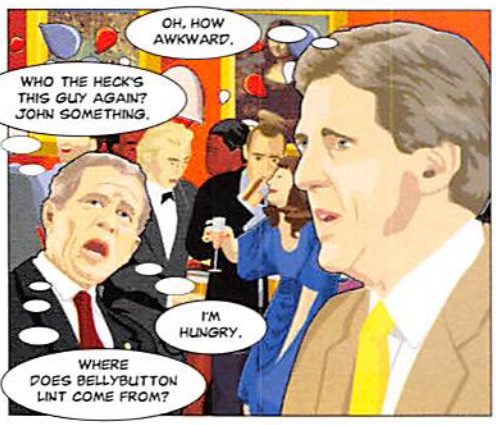


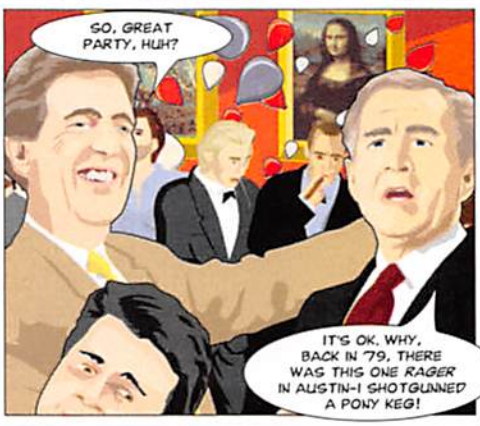


"NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. SO PAY ATTENTION, GEORGE..."

AT THE REUNION...

WHAT'S SHAKIN', FELLAS?
BROTHER RAWHIDE-ER, I MEAN MR. PRESIDENT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WE HEARD YOU GOT LOST AGAIN!
DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT "KETCHUP BOY" IS HERE.





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THE MORE I TRAIN,
THE QUICKER I GET.

THE QUICKER I GET,
THE SLOWER THEY SEEM.

THE SLOWER THEY SEEM,
THE EASIER THE GAME.

THE EASIER THE GAME,
THE GREATER MY THREAT.

THE GREATER MY THREAT,
THE MORE ATTENTION I DRAW.

THE MORE ATTENTION I DRAW,
THE TIGHTER THEY PLAY ME.

THE TIGHTER THEY PLAY ME,
THE MORE I TRAIN.

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GEORGE BUSH IS A TOOL OF BIG OIL! HE'S AN IVY LEAGUE...OH, RIGHT.
HEY, YOU WANNA GET OUTTA HERE?
JOHN KERRY IS IN THE POCKET OF HOLLYWOOD! HE'S AN IVY LEAGUE...DAMN.
SOUNDS GOOD. YOU UP FOR A GAME OF SPUD?

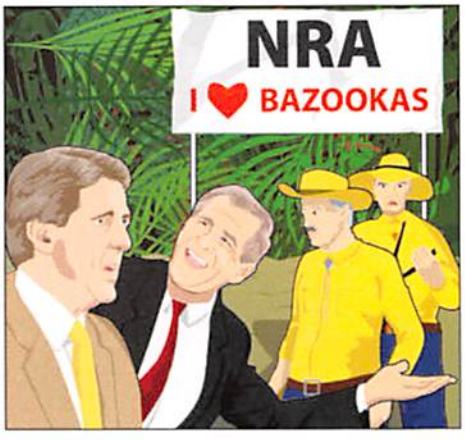
ZOINKS! WE MISSED 'EM, H.C.!
IF WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME IS TRUE, WE MUST STOP THEM AT ALL COST.

I'VE GOT SOME SERIOUSLY BIG PLANS FOR 2008–AND HORSE-FACE DOESN'T FIGURE IN.

Blue Oyster
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! I FEEL THAT WAY, TOO!
N/A
WHY DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO FIGHT? WHY CAN'T THEY JUST DO WHAT I SAY?
WHAT SAY WE GO HAVE SOME FUN?

AND SO SENATOR JOHN KERRY AND PRESIDENT BUSH TRY TO BRIDGE THE PARTISAN GAP...
ENDANGERED SPECIES

TRY THE WHOOPING CRANE GRAVY.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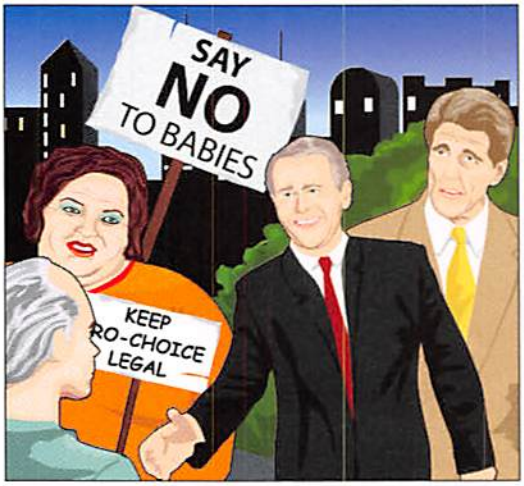
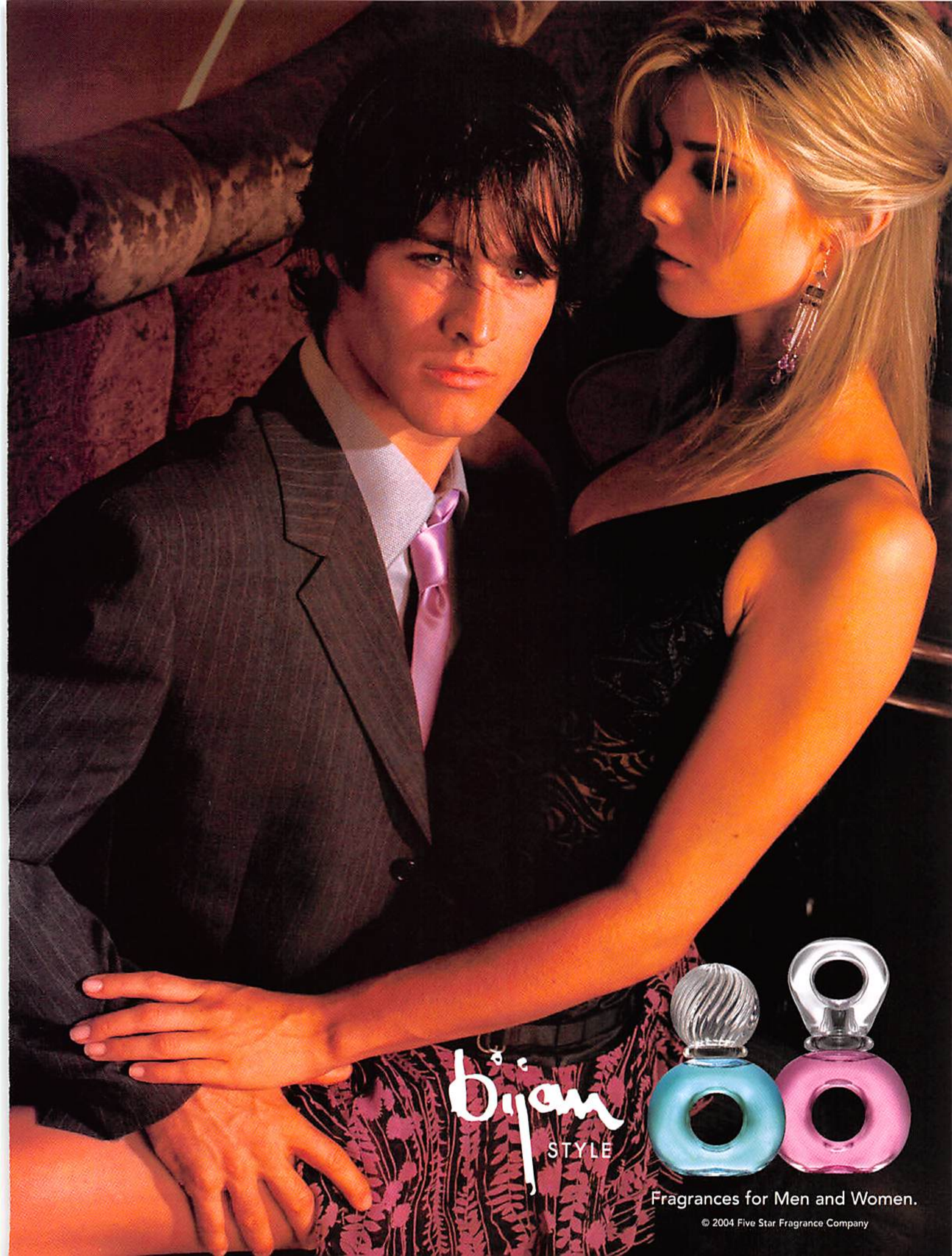
I ♥ BAZOOKAS


SAY NO TO BABIES
KEEP PRO-CHOICE LEGAL

THANK YOU, MR. WELFARE BLIND DUDE.
BLIND

I LOOK FORWARD TO REDISTRIBUTING YOUR WEALTH, WENCH!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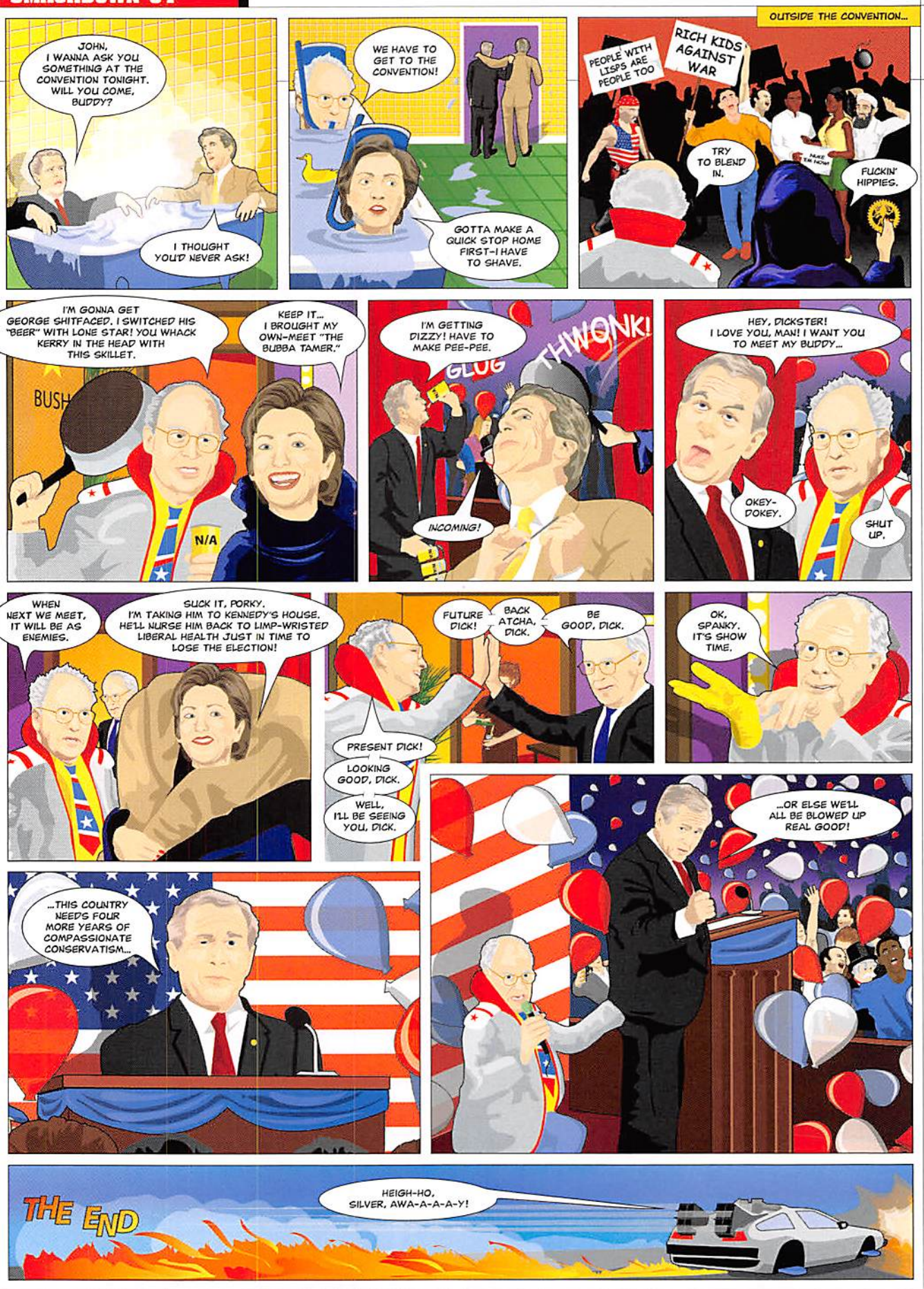
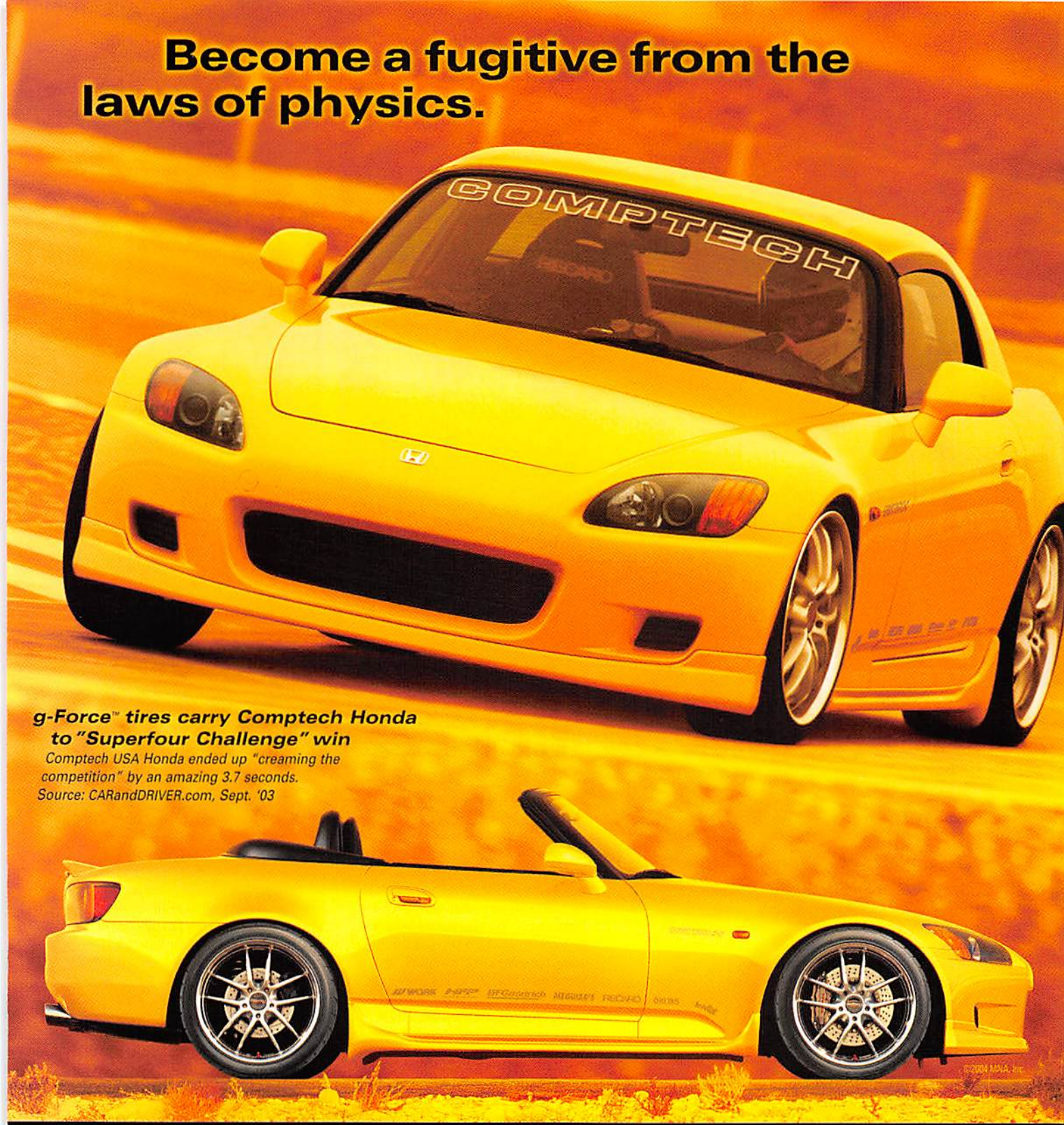

JOHN, I WANNA ASK YOU SOMETHING AT THE CONVENTION TONIGHT. WILL YOU COME, BUDDY?
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!
WE HAVE TO GET TO THE CONVENTION!
GOTTA MAKE A QUICK STOP HOME FIRST—I HAVE TO SHAVE.
OUTSIDE THE CONVENTION...
PEOPLE WITH LISPS ARE PEOPLE TOO
RICH KIDS AGAINST WAR
TRY TO BLEND IN.
FUCKIN' HIPPIES.
I'M GONNA GET GEORGE SHITFACED. I SWITCHED HIS "BEER" WITH LONE STAR! YOU WHACK KERRY IN THE HEAD WITH THIS SKILLET.
KEEP IT... I BROUGHT MY OWN—MEET "THE BUBBA TAMER."
BUSH
N/A
I'M GETTING DIZZY! HAVE TO MAKE PEE-PEE.
GLUG
THWONK!
INCOMING!
HEY, DICKSTER! I LOVE YOU, MAN! I WANT YOU TO MEET MY BUDDY...
OKEY-DOKEY.
SHUT UP.
WHEN NEXT WE MEET, IT WILL BE AS ENEMIES.
SUCK IT, PORKY. I'M TAKING HIM TO KENNEDY'S HOUSE. HE'LL NURSE HIM BACK TO LIMP-WRISTED LIBERAL HEALTH JUST IN TIME TO LOSE THE ELECTION!
FUTURE DICK!
BACK ATCHA, DICK.
BE GOOD, DICK.
PRESENT DICK!
LOOKING GOOD, DICK.
WELL, I'LL BE SEEING YOU, DICK.
OK, SPANKY. IT'S SHOW TIME.
...THIS COUNTRY NEEDS FOUR MORE YEARS OF COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATISM...
...OR ELSE WE'LL ALL BE BLOWED UP REAL GOOD!
THE END
HEIGH-HO, SILVER, AWA-A-A-A-Y!

Become a fugitive from the laws of physics.



g-Force™ tires carry Comptech Honda to "Superfour Challenge" win

Comptech USA Honda ended up "creaming the competition" by an amazing 3.7 seconds.
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The parking lot outside Weird Al shows is always a good party

Hasidim welcome: the first festival, 1971

MOONSHINE MANIA!

New Straitsville, Ohio's annual Moonshine Festival celebrates a bygone era, when local heroes shrugged off the Great Depression—by making America drunk. **BY JOSHUA M. BERNSTEIN**

The dry dicks are coming! The dry dicks are coming!" During the Depression, this siren call, usually delivered by children, was cause for serious alarm in the Appalachian town of New Straitsville, Ohio, then known to millions as the Moonshine Capital of the World. 'Shiners—roughly all the town's residents—would scurry like mice into abandoned mine shafts and hollows to protect their stills from approaching federal agents.

Welcome to 'Shine Town, U.S.A., the only place in America that was actually happy when prohibition was introduced.

The abandoned mines were one of many elements that combined to set up this dying town as the world's moonshine mecca: Leftover boxcars could transport the sugar, corn, rye, barrels, and bottles needed to make hooch. The sulfur water from the mine shafts gave Straitsville Special a unique taste outsiders couldn't replicate. And the town was full of piss-broke, grizzled ex-miners who were more than happy to earn their living breaking the law.

Although Prohibition-era bootlegging normally conjures images of Al Capone, Eliot Ness, and Tommy guns, only one death in New Straitsville could be pegged to moonshining . . . and that was caused by an exploding still. No one got caught; everyone made money—the operations were just too tucked away and widespread to be contained. The local courts were valued customers, not feared enemies. The town boasted 175 stills, the biggest of which cranked out 300 gallons at a time, and unlike a lot of moonshine, Straitsville Special didn't blind you or kill you when you drank it. Customers appreciated that touch.

'The festival is the only thing keeping this town alive.'

Then Prohibition was repealed in 1934. Overnight, prices nosedived from $40 a gallon to $4, and one by one, the stills stopped distilling.

Well, almost.

NICE JUGS!

It's Memorial Day weekend 2004 at the 34th Moonshine Festival, New Straitsville's annual homage to getting America plastered on the sly. The depressed town's main drag is lined with abandoned storefronts, yet moonshine is, in a way, as vital to the town's economy now as it was 80 years ago. "The festival is the only thing keeping this town alive," says Ken Burgess, who has run the event for nearly 30 years.

In 1970 the village's declining brick industry triggered astronomical unemployment, but the town's centennial celebration found visitors once more filling local coffers. Anyone can pick up a fifth of Old Granddad at a corner store, but the transaction is decidedly without mystique—Burgess and his neighbors soon found people would happily part with cash to get a taste of nostalgia, and the Moonshine Festival became an annual hoedown.

This year an estimated 20,000 tourists are swarming in to fork over cash for souvenir moonshine jugs, $15 THIS SHIRT WAS CONFISCATED AT THE MOONSHINE FESTIVAL T-shirts, and the fire department's ATV raffle. Though this may look at first glance like any typical hick-town summer fair—rickety carny rides, batter-fried everything—the town's inherent outlaw spirit is still very much on display.

Bill Neal, a 51-year-old local tire shop owner, stands behind the town's lone remaining legal still—he's the last of a dying breed. "The old-timers are dead or too old to run the still," he laments. Directly behind him is a mural depicting X-eyed bootleggers at a still with a dog rolling on the ground in convulsive laughter. "I didn't paint that," Neal says. "You could never run 'shine between those two barrels."

A federal permit allows New Straitsville ▶

Um, no thanks—we'll just get our own

Photographs, Dan Trittschuh (festival)

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Folks wearing overalls get in free!

Spelling ain't exactly their forte

There she is, Miss Moonshine. Careful, that engine gets hot.

The good ol' days, before they learned to huff

(population 774) to distill liquor legally during the festival, but leave it to the Man to rain on the parade: The government insists all moonshine be dumped as soon as it drips. The hardest part of Neal's job is shooing away folks who want a sip—undercover Feds have been known to infiltrate the festival to monitor disposal, but it doesn't appear as though any are present this year. "They'll be disappointed if they do show," he says. "I ain't done nothing wrong."

The festival air is thick with an odor best described as rotting candy doused in rubbing alcohol. "If you've smelled marijuana, you know its scent," says retired liquor control agent Jerry Benson. "Same with moonshine—once you smell it, you know it the rest of your life."

In the festival's epicenter, the five teenage finalists in this year's Miss Moonshine pageant sit on a stage clad in jailbait evening wear and looking about as legal as moonshine itself. Ultimately, Ashley Misner, a brunette wearing a red dress, is rewarded with tiara, sash, and a position of true honor: riding in the Moonshine Parade on the hood of a Pontiac.

'People are crackheads with this stuff.'

A pimply spectator in a NASCAR T-shirt muses, "Man, I can't wait to try to do her."

Steps from the main drag, about 10 teens huddle together and pass around a bottle of clear liquid. Several move into the shadows of a nearby church; others mosey into the festival for a corn dog or a ride on the Tilt-A-Whirl. "You'd better have that jug filled up when I get back!" one teen shouts, walking with a new swagger.

STILL STANDING

With his unruly red beard, patched overalls, and tumble-down house back in the woods, Flynn is a walking, talking hillbilly stereotype. "Moonshine runs in my blood," he boasts, metaphorically as well as literally. Using his handcrafted copper (and not remotely legal) still, Flynn ferments his mash of malted corn, sorghum, yeast, and water for six to 10 days, then distills the belly-burning spirits.

To demonstrate, he unscrews a mason jar, dips a stick inside, and sets it on fire to test for impurities. (In 1930 so many people were partially paralyzed from a bad batch of 'shine called Jake, the condition was called Jake Leg Syndrome.) "People are like crackheads with this stuff," he says, capping and shaking a jar of white lightning.

Flynn's evil potion clocks in at a varnish-peeling 110 proof—that's 30 more than pantywaist Jim Beam. Far from the festival's center, Flynn offers a snort. The liquor tastes surprisingly sweet and smooth, a clear bourbon that, when swallowed, gives one the sensation of being disemboweled with a flaming bayonet. "Personally, I like it better than store-bought whiskey," he drawls.

Flynn braves gravel roads and 90-degree switchbacks to supply his thirsty friends with $15 mason jars. But his distribution method is child's play compared to the drastic measures his forebears had to take. To evade police, Flynn recounts, tipping his creased Kodiak hat and actually strumming a banjo, one bootlegger stuffed cow carcasses with his homemade. "And I do believe he never got caught," he says.

Neither has Flynn. "I'm here to carry on a tradition," he says. "This way of life's dying." He sets down the jar gently beside his shotgun. "I'd do this for a living, if only it were legal." M

HOW TO

MAKE MOONSHINE DANGER!

Banned from your local pub? Here's how bootleggers make their own (don't try this at home).

1. BE CORNY
Soak corn in warm water until the kernels develop two-inch sprouts (sound familiar?). The corn is "malting," or turning to sugar. Dry and grind the corn, then boil it to create mash.

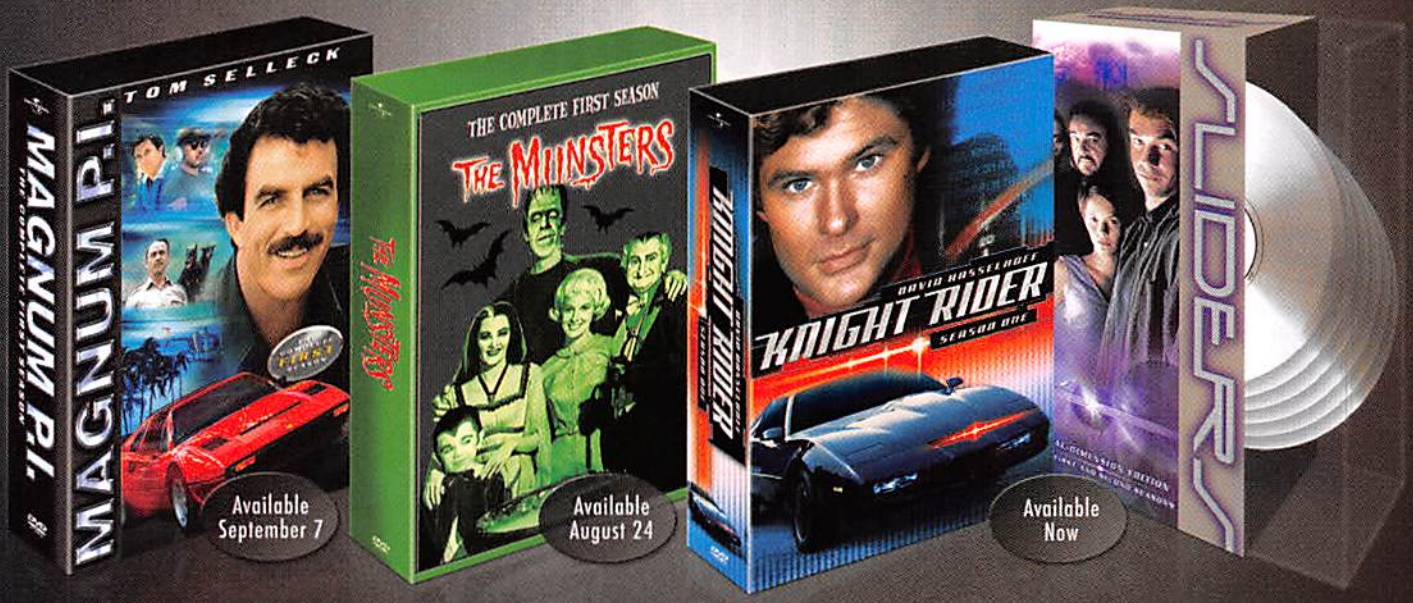
2. MONSTER MASH
Add yeast to the ground meal to speed up fermentation. The mash is cooked—this is the base for whiskey—then left in a bucket for a few weeks, or till it stops bubbling.

3. LAY PIPE
Snake six feet of copper tubing through a hole drilled into the top of Ma's Crockpot and pour the mash into the pot. Punch a hole near the bottom of a plastic milk jug and fill it with ice.

4. DISTILL THE ONE
Run the tube through the jug's cap and out the hole. When the Crockpot's near boiling, vapors pass through the tube and, after reaching the ice, condense into a clear alcoholic drip.

5. BURN, BABY!
Dump the first few ounces—they're deadly. Flick a Bic and light a spoonful; if it burns reddish, the liquid's lethal. If it turns blue, congrats: You're pregnant! Now for a celebratory drink...

If She Likes Them, She Stays.



If she doesn't, she goes.

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7. Red Cross: 800-482-2411
8. Caesars Las Vegas: 877-427-7243
9. The Bunny Ranch: 888-286-6972
10. STD Hotline: 800-227-8922

"I'VE OVERDOSED ON MEAT"

Man can't live on bacon alone. If you're livin' low-carb, take multivitamins daily, and get lots of fiber to keep the pipes clean. And try fish instead of that cholesterol-laden sausage you've been jamming down your throat.

"I don't want to die alone." Find yourself a mail-order bride at goodwife.com.

"WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?"

Got trouble—poison ivy, weak portfolio, abject loneliness? *Maxim's* here to help.

"MAN, THIS ITCHES."

Don't wipe with these: Oak and ivy normally have three green or reddish leaves per stem, while sumac has as many as 13 green diamond-shaped leaves per stem.

Poison ivy

Poison oak

Poison sumac

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"OUCH!"

Apply ice after an injury to minimize swelling; apply heat the next day for the pain.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO..."

BAIT A HOOK

So you had an absentee dad, too? Don't worry, we love you. When using a little fish as bait, pierce it under the mouth and feed the hook up and out of the upper jaw, just behind the nose, so it can swim naturally. If it starts bleeding a lot, choose another victim. For worms or squid, pass the hook in and out a few times.

"That Tom Ridge dude spooks me." The art of war teaches us to rely not on the likelihood of the enemy's coming, but on our own readiness to receive him.

Sun Tzu

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"HALF THE STOCKS I BUY TANK."

Here are five rules of thumb for picking a winner.

1. Buy into an industry you believe in, then focus on companies with positive assets vs. liabilities, profits, and share value history. Basics are available online; annual (10K) reports are yours for the asking.
2. Open accounts with large online firms like Charles Schwab or TD Waterhouse and you get quality research for free, not to mention a local office with whom to do business.
3. To gauge risk, check the company's P/E (price/earnings) ratio—the stock's price per share divided by its earnings per share. A higher P/E suggests higher risk but a higher potential payoff.
4. Give your stocks at least a year so you'll avoid paying a short-term capital gains tax—plus you'll keep more of what you make.
5. Thinking hurt your brain? Check morningstar.com for a good mutual fund, and let professionals do all the work for you.

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"I may be blind, but I'm not afraid—and now you die!"

FU-GOTTEN HEROES

ONCE UPON A TIME IN CHINA

How good is China's latest export, Hero*? Even martial arts badass Jet Li gets misty over it.*

If 2000's *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* proved that a kung fu movie could be taken seriously by mainstream audiences, then this month's *Hero* (already a monster hit in Asia) is about to invent the term "ass-kicking art film." Now, before you flip this magazine over to make sure you didn't accidentally swipe *Film Comment,* hear us out: *Hero* is a sweeping historical epic of political assassinations, clan warfare, love triangles, and some of the most jaw-dropping martial arts action ever to disturb your popcorn gobbling, with the fate of all of China hanging in the balance. "I have dreamed about making a movie like this," says Jet Li, who stars in the film as a nameless black-clad assassin. "Normal martial arts films use fighting to solve all the problems. But violence isn't the only solution. This is about what it means to be a hero. It touched my heart. I read the script and

MAXIM MOVIE OF THE MONTH ★★★★★

cried twice." (Make fun of him at your peril.) The story is tough to summarize, with its many twists and turns, but it involves a rogue killer (Li) trying to assassinate an untouchable despot who may be in the process of subjugating China or uniting it, depending on your point of view. He is challeneged in his quest by an array of equally deadly assassins, each with his or her own reason for stopping him. To say more would spoil the effect, but director Zhang Yimou changes perspectives as quickly as he changes locations, and each new side of the story is told in eye-poppingly dramatic color schemes. For example, one take on the story is told entirely in red (the sets, costumes, props, etc.), then the same story is looked at again, this time in blue, and with a different twist. *Hero* also mixes mind-blowing action with some serious heart-tugging emotion... not unlike a certain recent Oscar winner. "We don't want to compete with *Crouching Tiger*," says Li. "This is an unusual movie. We use action and great actors to tell a different kind of story." So you can forget all that competition nonsense, then? "Well," chuckles Li, "in China, *Hero* was a much bigger movie than *Crouching Tiger* was." —*Eric Alt*

> WHAT'S FUN THIS MONTH

MAIN EVENTS

SEPT. 1

■ September is Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month. So where the hell are our friggin' cards, you buncha lousy ingrates? You think it's easy photographing models? *Sniffle.* No, it's OK...really...

SEPT. 3

■ *The Cookout*, starring Queen Latifah, opens. You might want to get to the theater early—we've seen Latifah eat.

SEPT. 6

■ Labor Day. Time to kick back; rest those tired, callused feet; and take pride in a job well done. But first you'll have to actually *get* your lazy ass a job.

SEPT. 7

■ Hip-hop artist Jean Grae releases her second solo record. Hey, she's better-looking than 50 Cent.

SEPT. 9

■ Football season returns! Chargers fans moving to Canada are excused now...

SEPT. 14

■ Take a break from 24/7 9/11 remembrances with George Lucas' first film, *THX 1138* (why does that sound familiar?), finally seeing the light of day on DVD. And that's the 411.

SEPT. 17

■ Can you hear us now? Good. Pack your charger and your hands-free headset and check out the phone-themed thriller *Cellular*. We said, Pack your charger and... Hello? Hello? Stupid crappy phone...

SEPT. 18

■ It's Wife Appreciation Day! We sure appreciated yours last night.

SEPT. 19

■ Hey, Slow Eddie—pocket a copy of *World Championship Pool 2004*, out today for GameCube.

SEPT. 21

■ The DVD Holy Grail is here: the original *Star Wars* trilogy. Carrie Fisher wistfully tries to fit one paw in her old Jabba bikini.

SEPT. 22

■ Castaway drama *Lost*, about plane crash survivors on a mysterious island, premieres tonight at 8 P.M. EDT. It can be *found* on ABC. See what we did there? That's gold!

SEPT. 28

■ In *Rocky Legends* for PS2 and Xbox, play as a young Apollo Creed (and others). Eye of the tiger!

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A scene from *Night of the Living Al Gores*

> MAIN ATTRACTION

SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

A good, old-timey flick...with giant killer robots.

Out: September 17 **Director:** Kerry Conran
Stars: Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi
The story: When the world's most famous scientists start disappearing, it doesn't take a crack reporter to figure out something's wrong. Oh, wait...yes, it does. Paltrow plays just such a reporter—a Lois Lane type who teams up with dashing pilot Sky Captain (Law) and his one-eyed daredevil cohort Franky Cook (Jolie) to battle giant robots and one evil mastermind bent on—yeppers—world destruction.
The buzz: A movie influenced by vintage sci-fi and comic books is nothing new. A movie that actually *looks* like an old sci-fi comic book come to life is something else. First-time director Conran shot almost entirely against blue screen and added everything in later. The result is a cross between *The War of the Worlds*, *The Iron Giant*, and 1940s-era *Superman* cartoons. Giant robots, super-submarines, and WWII fighter planes, oh, my!
We're guessing: ✪✪✪✪✩

GET THIS!
> Milla will next play a vampire in *Ultraviolet*.

> DON'T MISS

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RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE

Remember: Guns don't kill zombies, Milla Jovovich does.

Out: September 10 **Director:** Alexander Witt
Stars: Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory, Oded Fehr
The story: Picking up right where the surprisingly successful original flick left off, *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* continues the video-game-inspired adventures of zombie-killer Alice (Jovovich) as she combats the evil Umbrella Corporation and their undead-making chemicals. Joining her this time around are straight-from-the-PlayStation mates Jill Valentine (Guillory) and Carlos Oliviera (Fehr). Quick! Hit the A button...um...we mean, you'd better hold on tight!
The buzz: We love the smell of zombies in the morning. The original *Resident Evil* was a pretty cool, modern take on the undead movie, pre-dating *28 Days Later* and the *Dawn of the Dead* remake. Part two looks to be increasing the scale (a whole city full o' deadies!) and adding more characters with guns, meaning more zombies being turned into lead-filled fertilizer. Should be fun—especially if your brains have been eaten.
We're guessing: ✪✪✪✪✩

BLADE: TRINITY
Get an exclusive first look at this upcoming Wesley Snipes flick at **maximonline.com.**

RATINGS:

MR. BLONDE	✪✪✪✪✪
MR. PINK	✪✪✪✪✩
MR. WHITE	✪✪✪✩✩
MR. ORANGE	✪✪✩✩✩
MR. BLUE	✪✩✩✩✩

> ALSO PLAYING

CELLULAR
Out: September 17 **Director:** David Ellis
A kidnapped woman's only hope is a tenuous connection to a stranger's cell phone. Can he help, or will the line (and the woman) go dead?
We're guessing: ✪✪✪✩✩

PAPARAZZI
Out: September 3 **Director:** Paul Abascal
A celebrity exacts revenge on a pesky photographer. This is the danger of Hollywood making movies about problems no one else cares about.
We're guessing: ✪✩✩✩✩

THE COOKOUT
Out: September 3 **Director:** Lance Rivera
A soon-to-be pro basketball player attempts to throw a down-home barbecue, with disastrous, and funny, results. Pass the zesty dipping sauce.
We're guessing: ✪✪✪✩✩

OPEN WATER
Out: August 20 **Director:** Chris Kentis
This unbearably tense indie has a simple premise (two divers get left behind in dangerous waters) and was shot on the cheap with *real* sharks.
We're guessing: ✪✪✪✪✩

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"Who's hungry for some pea soup?"

> GOING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTORS

SATAN'S HELPERS

Two directors. Two entirely different versions of Exorcist: The Beginning. *Possess them both today!*

When the *Exorcist* prequel, *Exorcist: The Beginning,* went into production, Paul Schrader (whose screenplay credits include *Taxi Driver, Raging Bull,* and *The Last Temptation of Christ*) was at the helm. With the film almost in the can, he himself was canned and replaced by action junkie Renny Harlin (*Cliffhanger, Deep Blue Sea, Die Hard 2*), who restarted practically from scratch. Soon you can compare Harlin's big-screen version with Schrader's straight-to-DVD art film. Until then, though, we can only imagine the unholy differences.

Paul Schrader

Renny Harlin

PAUL SCHRADER'S VERSION

- The first hour and 15 minutes are just Father Merrin wandering in the desert. A voice-over explains that he's looking for Satan, but that Satan might actually be inside him rather than an actual demon, and that sometimes man is a demon and...mumble...mumble...
- Merrin discovers Quaaludes. Cue trippy visuals involving creepy white faces, blood, and, for some reason, Willem Dafoe.
- A drunk Merrin stumbles through a bar, confronting each patron: "The power of Christ compels you...and did you fuck my wife?"
- Satan (Dafoe again) leads Merrin into a porn theater and tries pulling the penis-in-the-popcorn gag. Merrin leaves in a huff.
- The movie ends with Merrin waking up with a needle in his arm and a she-male prostitute next to him. He surmises this was all a dream.

RENNY HARLIN'S VERSION

- The film opens with a flashback of Father Merrin failing to save a young priest precariously dangling over the pit of hell. We rejoin Merrin in the present, where he's a bitter alcoholic (drink of choice: Finlandia Vodka) who refuses to do exorcisms.
- Satan kidnaps Merrin's daughter, forcing him to reconsider the whole "retired" thing. The alcoholic thing? Still going strong.
- A montage (set to Drowning Pool's "Bodies") shows Merrin training for battle—polishing crucifixes, loading crossbows, and getting a cool haircut.
- Cue a chase sequence through the streets of Cairo, with Merrin and Satan exchanging gunfire from a pair of souped-up Popemobiles.
- Merrin has saved his daughter and is about to bury a bullet in Satan's skull. Satan: "See you in hell." Merrin: "Not if I see you first." *Blam!*

GET THIS!

> There's a "multiplex" in Iceland that has six screens but only 17 seats.

> THE STRAIGHT POOP

Rumor has it that the director's original cut of ***Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*** was four self-indulgent hours long and that the cutting-room-floor sweepings have been stapled together into an entirely new feature to be included on the DVD...A Broadway musical based on ***Fight Club***? It's apparently in the works, with music to be penned by Nine Inch Nail **Trent Reznor.** We can't wait to hear the soothing opening strains of "Bitch Tits Suite"...A prequel to ***The Untouchables*** is soon to get under way, to be directed by ***King Arthur's*** **Antoine Fuqua** and focusing on a young Al Capone...

Grab your spear gun and some water wings—the expected fourth ***Jurassic Park*** megablockbuster will likely feature aquatic dinos.

> SHOW US YOUR TITULARS

NAME THAT FILM!

Each movie title below was referenced within the flick...but how?

1. BACK TO THE FUTURE

a. "Enough of this banter. Now let's get back to the future."
b. "Marty, you've gotta come back with me! Back...to the future!"
c. "Marty, never stand with your back to the future."
d. "Back to the future? Naw...you go on without me."

2. FIRST BLOOD

a. "They drew first blood, not me!"
b. "Man, this is the first blood we've seen today, but I can tell ya it definitely won't be the last!"
c. "You drew first blood...now prepare to die, you bastard!"
d. "You go and make a stupid move and I'll cap your ass first, blood."

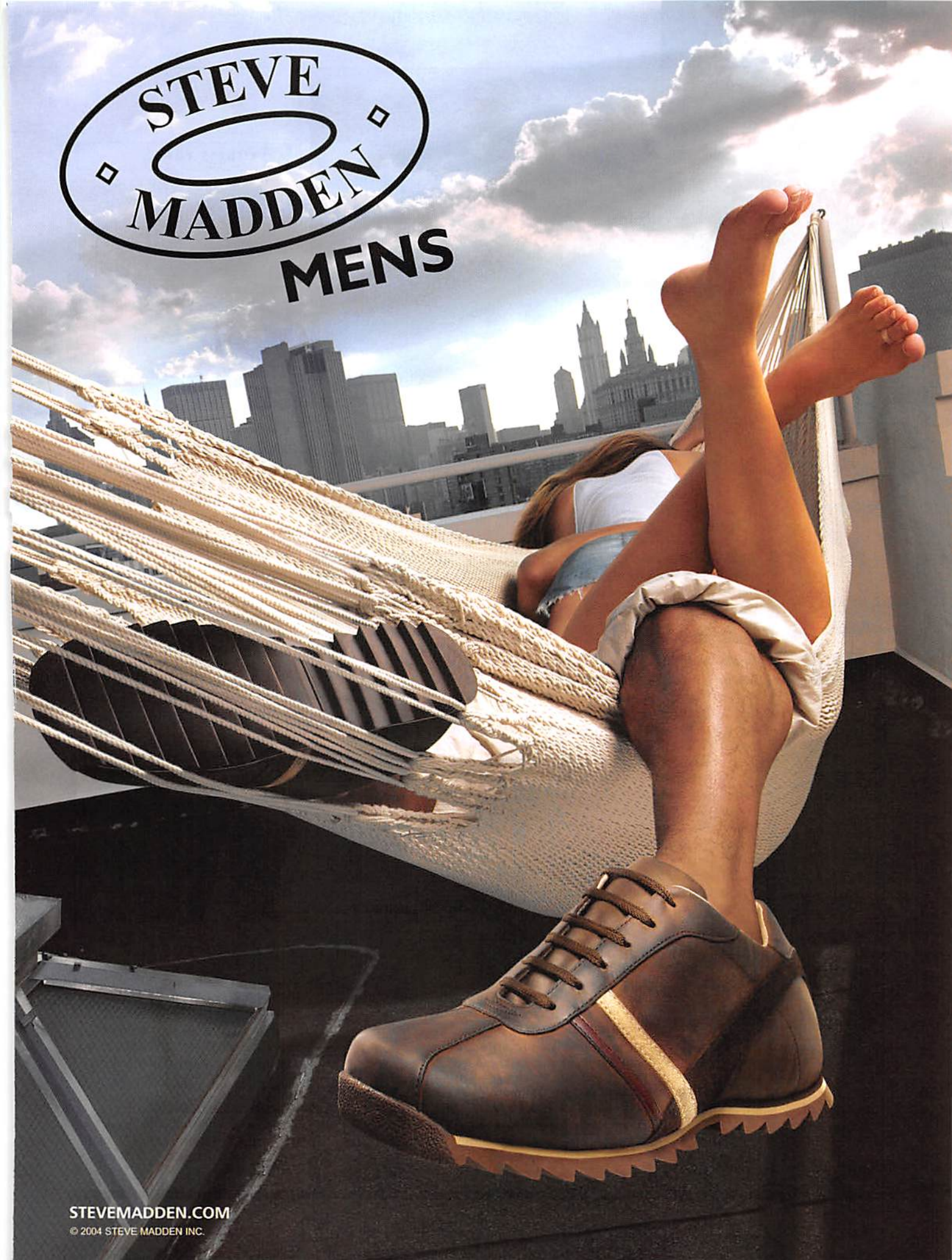
3. THE PERFECT STORM

a. "It would be...the perfect storm."
b. "You know what would be perfect now? A storm."
c. "That storm was crazy...dangerous...in many ways, perfect."
d. "When he was alive, Senator Thurmond was the perfect Strom."

4. LETHAL WEAPON

a. "Man, that Riggs is practically a lethal weapon."
b. "Armed with my lethal weapon, we should be able to stop them."
c. "I suppose we have to register you as a lethal weapon."
d. "One more *Lethal Weapon* sequel and I'm gonna off myself."

Answers: 1.b, 2.a, 3.a, 4.c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TV ROUND UP

Please return the stewardess to her upright position

"And I lost my tennis racket!"

> TUBE'S TOPS

LOST

This is a tale of some castaways...

Network: ABC **Time:** Wednesday, 8 P.M. (ET)
Things aren't going so well for the tropical-island-bound survivors of a plane crash. One's about to give birth, one's a junkie, one's wildly fat, one's an Iraqi (topical!), one's an escaped felon, and one, er...lost his dog. Then there's this inconvenient little glitch where the plane's radar thing stopped working and they flew off course, so no rescuer in the world knows where to find them. *And*...a similar party was stranded on the same island 16 years earlier and never got off. *And* the professor is nailing Mary Ann! (Wait...wrong show!) Oh, and in a *Survivor*-esque twist, a giant polar bear monster dinosaur thing is eliminating them all one by one. The weirdest part? It's packed with familiar faces (like former Hobbit Dominic Monaghan) and hot girls, and it's actually a great show.

THEY'RE BACK

■ ***Arrested Development*** **(Fox)** The funniest show you're not watching finally has a decent time slot (right after *The Simpsons*)!

■ ***The O.C.*** **(Fox)** Yeah? What of it? It's not like you don't have secrets.

CONTINUED >>

> TUBE'S TOPS

And this is just their breakfast

CSI: NY

Who-o-o are you? Who-who, who-who? Who-o-o are you?

Network: CBS **Time:** Wednesday, 10 P.M. (ET)
Finally! A franchise crime show set in New York! OK, sarcasm aside, we're psyched that *CSI* has finally landed in the city that never sleeps. Though the already-dark, rank alleyways of Manhattan look even darker through the lens of *CSI*'s trademark moody camera, the stories themselves never fail to rope you in. This time they've got the underappreciated and perpetually frowning Gary Sinise (along with Greek lovely Melina Kanakaredes) to follow the perpetually frowning William Petersen and the perpetually frowning David Caruso in what's slowly becoming a monstrously successful brand. Unfortunately, this means *CSI: Quebec* is probably right around the corner.

Suck in those guts: You're *CSI*

> WORTH WATCHING

HAWAII

Network: NBC **Time:** Wednesday, 8 P.M. (ET)
While this show was shaping up to be just another *NYPD Blue* ripoff with better weather and more bikinis, it's saved by the funny slacker cops played by Eric Balfour and Ivan Sergei.

VERONICA MARS

Network: UPN **Time:** Tuesday, 9 P.M. (ET)
We really shouldn't like this teeny drama, but c'mon: Veronica is a spitfire high schooler who, along with her disgraced ex-sheriff dad, forms a father-daughter private investigation business.

LISTEN UP!

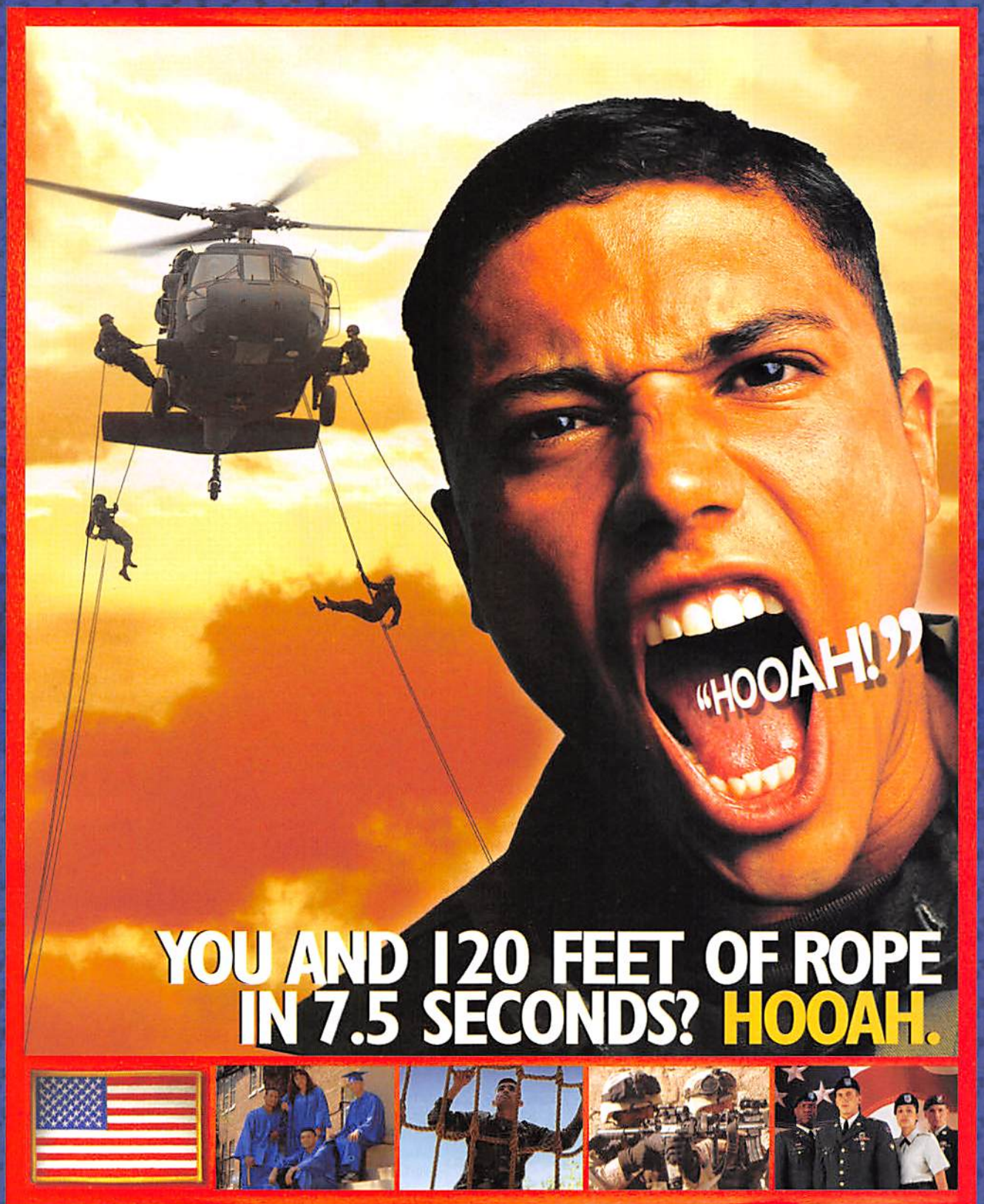
Network: CBS **Time:** Monday, 8:30 P.M. (ET)
Jason Alexander (the one who isn't Britney's ex) hosts a TV sports show with Theo Huxtable. On his show he's funny, but at home he's—you guessed it—unlikable.

DR. VEGAS

Network: CBS **Time:** Friday, 10 P.M. (ET)
It's *ER* plus *Ocean's Eleven* minus the Clooney. Rob Lowe is a sketchy M.D. who works in a clinic at a Vegas casino, of all places, treating Sin City's sleazy, fun-for-us ailments.

GET THIS!

> The motto of Honolulu's police is "Serving and Protecting with Aloha."



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TV ROUND UP

Drea de Matteo: Ex-Soprano is Joey's hot sis.
Ashley Scott has reportedly been replaced.
Paulo Castanzo plays Drea's genius son.
Matt LeBlanc plays Joey. You remember Joey.

TUBE'S TOPS

JOEY

How's he doin'? Not bad…so far.

Network: NBC **Time:** Thursday, 8 P.M. (ET)

What was the best part of *Friends* (other than that one episode where Ross had sex with the monkey and got Ebola, of course)? The only male cast member from *Friends* goes off to L.A. to pursue his acting career and hang out with his amazingly hot sister (*Sopranos* babe/corpse Drea de Matteo). We're not sure how much life this spin-off's got, but the first episode is funny enough to keep us interested (even though there's already word of trouble in paradise—pilot costar Ashley Scott was apparently canned and replaced with another actress. Hey, guys, we hear Lisa Kudrow's not busy). But when all's said and done, this whole thing could have been a lot worse—if that monkey hadn't taken out Ross.

"A little slower, and use a saw."

- ***The Apprentice*** **(NBC)** This monster reality show Trumped everybody last year and should repeat this year.
- ***Scrubs*** **(NBC)** Like *ER*, with tons more laughs!
- ***Survivor*** **(CBS)** This year it's in Vanuatu! Um…*cool!*

CONTINUED >>

WORTH WATCHING

GREY'S ANATOMY

Network: ABC **Time:** Monday, 10 P.M. (ET)

We thought we were numb to medical dramas at this point, but this show about docs starting a seven-year residency is really well done and extremely entertaining. Casting *Old School* hottie Ellen Pompeo doesn't hoit. And we're glad to see Patrick Dempsey finally getting some real work.

CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

Network: CBS **Time:** Wednesday, 9:30 P.M. (ET)

John Goodman is the only normal guy in a family of freaks. (Wasn't that also the plot of *Roseanne*? Just wondering.) The ever-reliable Goodman is actually pretty funny in this otherwise routine sitcom—especially when he makes fun of his nerdy kid. Not rocket science, but not *Yes, Dear* either.

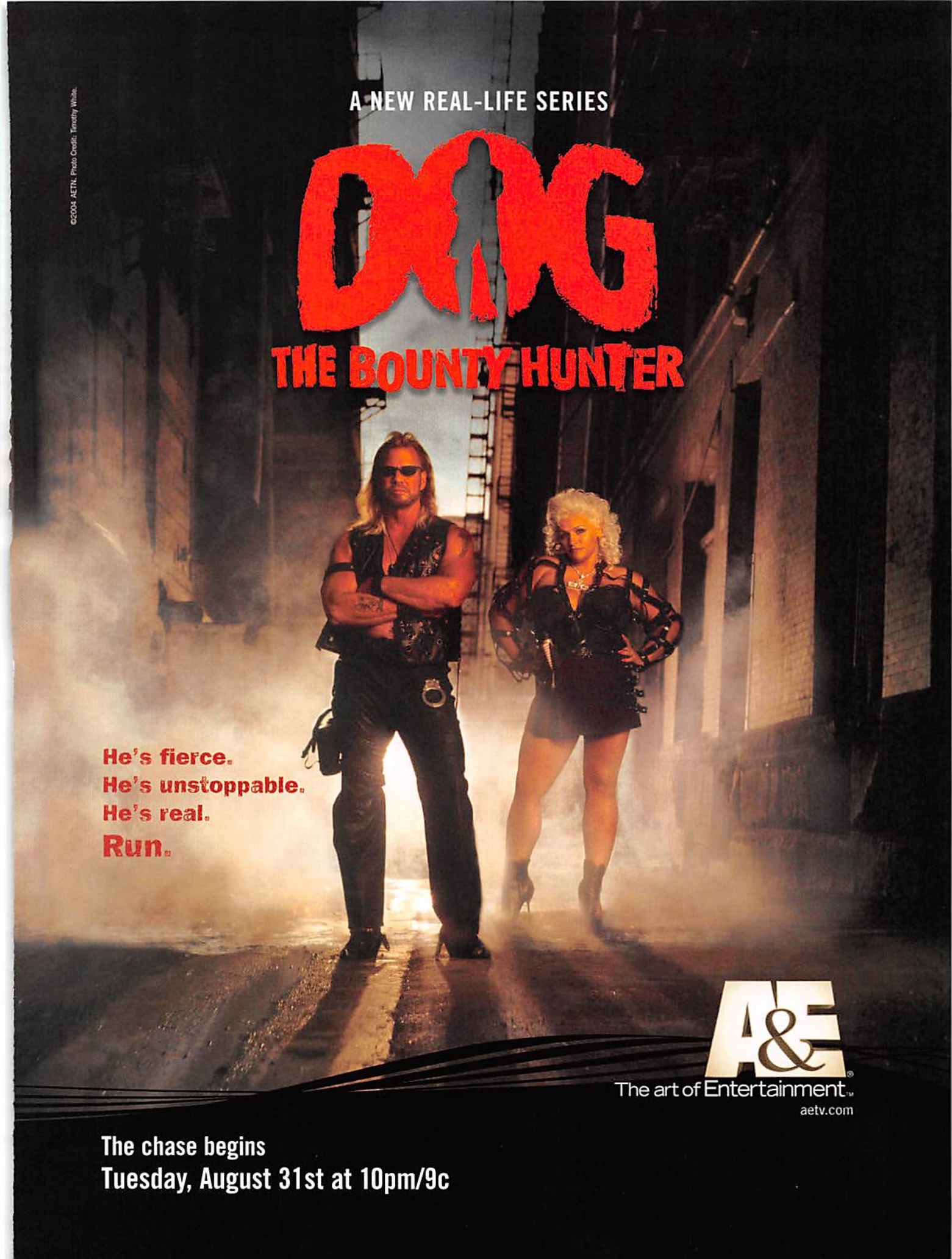
EYES

Network: ABC **Time:** TBA

This *The Practice*–like drama about a shady detective firm has loads of cool characters (played by the likes of, er, *Wings*' Tim Daly) and mondo *Oz*-like double-crosses (without, hopefully, the accompanying anal rape), so tune in right away or you'll never catch up to the plot.

GET THIS!

> Kathleen Turner was a classmate of John Goodman at SW Missouri St.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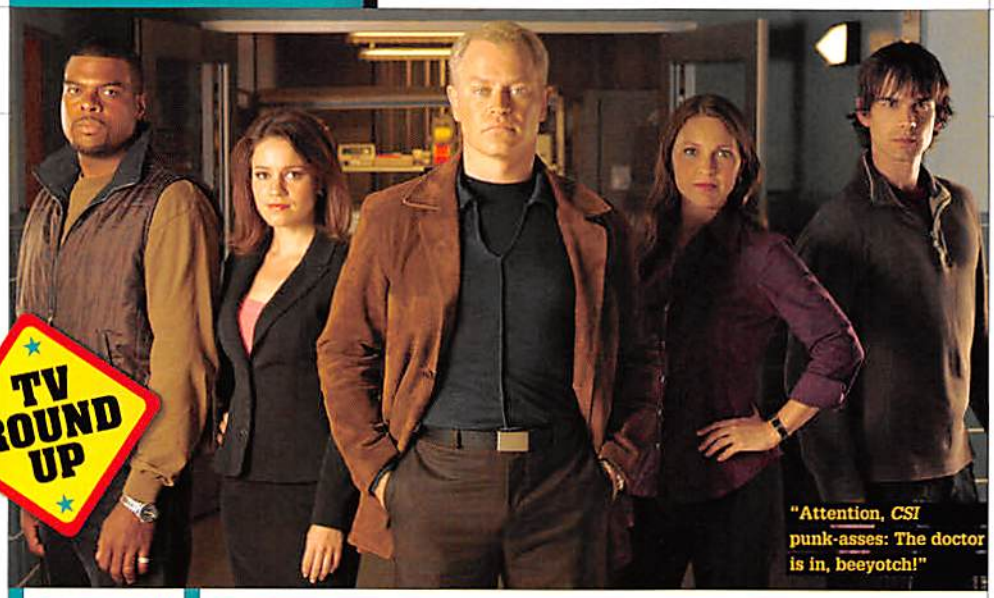

TV ROUND UP

"Attention, *CSI* punk-asses: The doctor is in, beeyotch!"

Doctor, doctor, gimme the news

> TUBE'S TOPS

MEDICAL INVESTIGATION

That's right—they investigate...medically.

Network: NBC **Time:** Friday, 10 P.M. (ET)

In the epidemiological justice system, unidentified offenses are investigated by the brave detectives of the National Institutes of Health. These are their stories. Bum-bum-*bum!* America loves it some mystery shows, and it loves it some medical dramas—so at last the two meet in this cool new spin on the *Law and Order/CSI* formula. Despite its clever, witty title (expected spin-off: *Follow-up Paperwork Filing*), the brainy docs played by *Boomtown*'s Neal McDonough and *The Practice* cutie Kelli Williams are as fun to watch as the mysteries are refreshingly unpredictable. Be warned, though, that when a show's suspects are germs and stuff, you may never go outside again.

■ ***Law & Order: SVU*** **(NBC)** We can't help but surrender to this show again.

■ ***Eve*** **(UPN)** She makes us dance, she makes us laugh, she makes us watch. Eve pretty much makes us beg.

> SHOWS THAT SUCK

BOTTOM FEEDERS

Then there are shows that make us reconsider books.

BLIND JUSTICE (ABC)
Ron Eldard is a good cop who gets wounded in the line of fire, loses his vision, then sues the NYPD to be reinstated. To active duty. But he *can't see.* Jeez, at least Daredevil had radar.

LAX (NBC)
Smug Southern Californians are annoying. Sitting in airports is *really* annoying. Why would an hour of TV combining these two be anything less than a justification of homicide?

DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES (ABC)
When a hot Stepford wife in suburbia offs herself, we're supposed to spend the rest of the season listening to her unravel the secrets of her neighbors. *Zzzzzzzz...*

HOUSE (Fox)
A hostile super-genius diagnoses diseases, but can he heal himself? Who cares? We thought this was going to be about that '80s horror flick with William Katt. Remember? *That* was cool.

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> For Seeing Eye dogs, the average career span is seven to 10 years.

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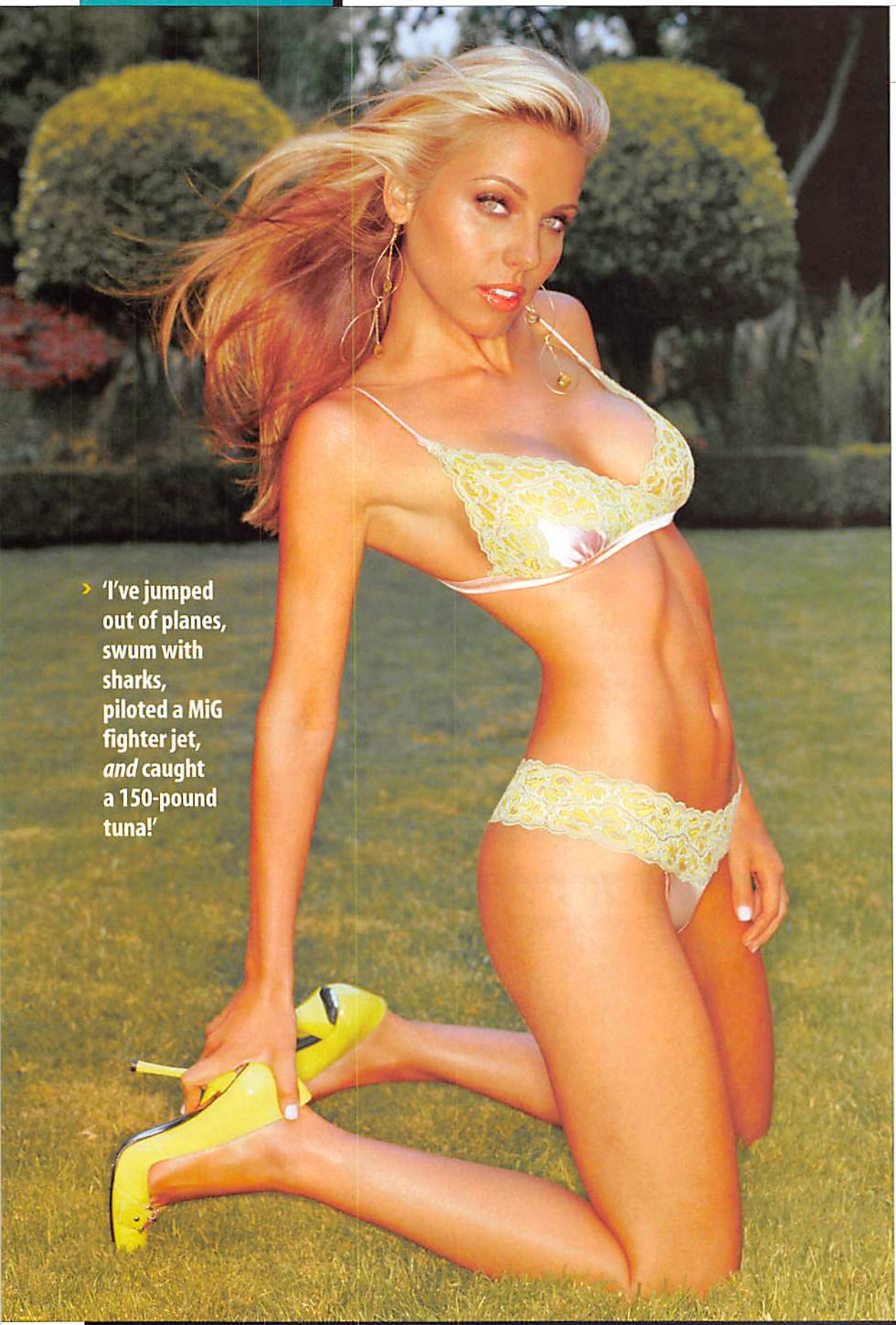

› 'I've jumped out of planes, swum with sharks, piloted a MiG fighter jet, *and* caught a 150-pound tuna!'

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GIRL?

Real name:
Ivana Bozilovic
Better known as:
The fearless host of Spike TV's *HotLines*; a party girl in the upcoming comedy *The Wedding Crashers*.
Her story: Sultry Ivana landed her Spike TV gig after a classic bait and switch...literally. "When I auditioned, they said I'd just be fishing," she laughs. "Then I go from diving with sharks in the morning to jumping out of a plane in the afternoon. The show is like *Wild On* meets *Jackass*, and I'm the queen jackass!" Sounds perfect to us, even if there are plenty of on-the-job hazards. "I once had a chum-throwing competition with the other host, Stacy, and I ended up throwing myself in...with the feeding sharks! There's nothing awesome about that." Ivana feels different, however, about her upcoming movie role: "Vince Vaughn meets me at a wedding, and we dance. He towers over me. And then there's a bedroom scene, of course." We wouldn't have it any other way.

WILDIN'
› Ivana, ready to brave another stunt

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Sometimes their hipness was too much for Shonna

> ALBUM OF THE MONTH

DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS

The Dirty South (New West)

Drive-By Truckers know people think all Southerners are racist, gun-totin', NASCAR-lovin' hillbillies—that's exactly why the Skynyrd-esque Georgia quintet have spent their last two albums trying to prove 'em wrong. On *The Dirty South*, however, they finally seem ready to admit that—gosh durn it—you're sorta right. This is the Truckers at their most pissed-off: Their Dixieland has been decimated by outsourcing and downsizing, leaving good people to brew moonshine, sling dope, kill one another, or suffer in silence. It's depressing, but it sure sounds good. DBT's three-guitar assault roars across their twin defenses of redneck justice, "The Boys From Alabama" and "The Buford Stick." The spare "Cottonseed" tells the tale of an aging, unrepentant outlaw, and the world-weary waltz "Danko/Manuel" salutes the Band's two dead members with a tune they'd kill to call their own. Perhaps most impressive is the twangy acoustic shuffle "Daddy's Cup," which nails the appeal of NASCAR in terms even the most snooty Yankee can understand. Yee-fucking-haw!—*David Peisner*

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★☆

LIKE THIS? TRY THESE

Lynyrd Skynyrd
Second Helping
(MCA, 1974)

Jason & the Scorchers
Lost & Found
(Mammoth, 1985)

GET THIS!

> DBT's Mike Cooley is from Helen Keller's hometown (Tuscumbia, Alabama).

> RELEASES MAKING NOISE

RADIO 4
Stealing of a Nation
(Astralwerks)
Here's a revolutionary concept: angry political rock music you can dance to. OK, so Radio 4 weren't the first to think of it, but they'll still bring plenty of bile and ass-shaking pulse to your next Rock the Vote party. Their latest spins punk riffs and intoxicating melodies over thumping bass lines as they rage against hipster wannabes ("Party Crashers") and bullshit terrorism warnings ("State of Alert"). It's Michael Moore meets Kanye West at a Clash show.
★★☆☆☆

SALIVA
Survival of the Sickest
(Island)
We like big, dumb rock'n'roll as much as the next guy, but this album may be too dumb even for us. Saliva's third album is like Tenacious D minus the irony. It's full of meaty guitar anthems, bludgeoning fright-metal stomps, and lighter-begging power ballads, most featuring frontman Josey Scott growling about how fuckin' rad he is. "All of this looks so easy," he barks in "Bait & Switch." "But all of this can get cheesy." No kidding.
★★☆☆☆

JEAN GRAE
This Week
(Orchestral/Babygrande)
With Lauryn Hill officially insane and Erykah Badu officially boring, the hip-hop nation turns its weary eyes to Jean Grae for a female voice that isn't just propping up tits and ass (not that there's anything wrong with that...). Jean, it turns out, can handle the burden. Her second album bubbles up from the underground, buoyed by blaxploitation grooves, menacing beats, and her in-your-face, giving-you-chills flow. Can't wait to see what she has planned for *next* week.
★★★★☆

MARK LANEGAN BAND
Bubblegum
(Beggars Banquet)
Long expected to be next aboard Seattle's heroin death train, former Screaming Tree Mark Lanegan has found a way to channel his darkest impulses into music. However, his new album still has the sound of a heroic drug dose. Not surprisingly, it's a grim, harrowing psychedelic trip almost overwhelmed by hazy blues. But at the end of his dark tunnel, there's some light. Let's just hope it's not that train.
★★☆☆☆

PAUL WESTERBERG
Folker (Vagrant)
It's feast or famine with former Replacement and former drunk Paul Westerberg. After he released all of three albums during the '90s, *Folker* is his fifth in three years. The upside is, it's the most consistent of the five: He kicks out simple, jangling guitar melodies as if he's had them locked up in his basement for years. The downside? After five albums, the once ornery rabble-rouser has actually become what few ever would've imagined: predictable.
★★★☆☆

ON THE MAXIM BOOMBOX

Mountain Goats
We Shall All Be Healed
(4AD, 2004)

Tommy Stinson
Village Gorilla Head
(Sanctuary, 2004)

The Thermals
Fuckin A
(Sub Pop, 2004)

Los Lobos
The Ride
(Hollywood/Mammoth, 2004)

RATINGS:

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RAKIM	★★★★☆
NASH	★★★☆☆
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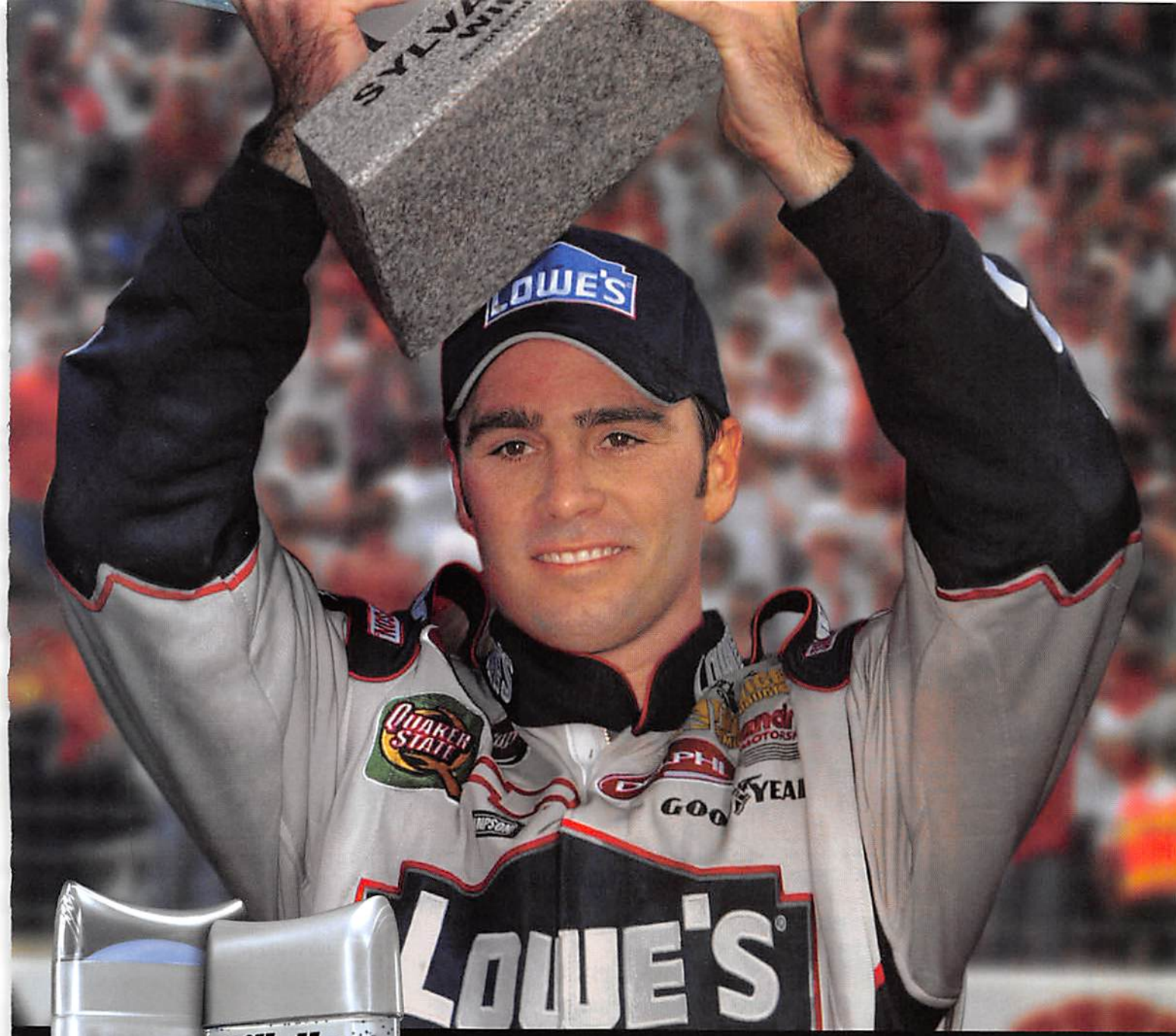

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04. "Animal Nitrate" Suede
05. "Angel of Death" Slayer
06. "It's Been So Long" Webb Pierce
07. "(Keep Feeling) Fascination" The Human League
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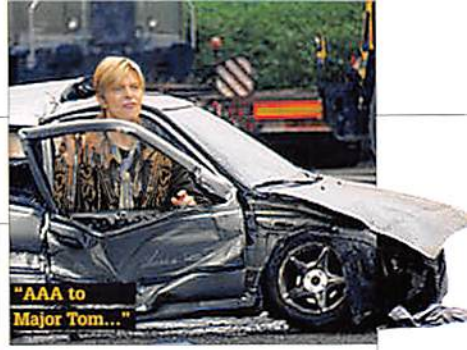

> SMASH HITS!

WRECK CHORDS

Road-trip rock-out! Not with these gloomy buzz-killers.

1. "Always Crashing in the Same Car" **David Bowie**
2. "Crowned in Chrome" **Crooked Fingers**
3. "Wreck on the Highway" **Bruce Springsteen**
4. "Another Hit and Run" **Def Leppard**
5. "13 Stitches" **NOFX**
6. "Daddy's Gonna Pay for Your Crashed Car" **U2**
7. "Deadmans Curve" **Jan and Dean**
8. "Smash" **The Offspring**
9. "Motorcrash" **The Sugarcubes**
10. "Fade to Black" **Metallica**
11. "Sue Jack Daniels" **Reverend Horton Heat**
12. "Understanding a Car Crash" **Thursday**
13. "Last Kiss" **Pearl Jam**
14. "Airbag" **Radiohead**
15. "There Is a Light That Never Goes Out" **The Smiths**
16. "Under My Wheels" **Alice Cooper**

> PRIVATE MIX

JAMES MERCER'S

BURN THIS!

The Shins' frontman rattles off his A-list tracks.

1. "Worry Worry" The Fiery Furnaces
"When I first heard them, I wasn't sure if they were a new band or from the late '60s."

2. "Breakout" Swing Out Sister
"During live shows we like to bring out old-school '80s pop music like this."

3. "Der Kommissar" Falco
"It's just a really cool dance song, a childhood MTV song."

4. "Animal Nitrate" Suede
"A real British rock'n'roll song if there ever was one. Did you know Ricky Gervais from *The Office* used to manage Suede?"

5. "Angel of Death" Slayer
"Dave, our bassist, told me to put it on here, saying, 'Don't be a puss!'"

6. "It's Been So Long" Webb Pierce
"A great American song. Webb is kinda like Hank Williams with a better voice.

7. "(Keep Feeling) Fascination" The Human League
"I loved the video—the Human League inside this house, rocking out in their makeup."

8. "Moon Over Marin" Dead Kennedys
"It's just creepy and dark-sounding, like a horror movie or something."

9. "Daylight Till Dawn" All Night Radio
"Real California laid-back '70s riding-home-on-your-bicycle kind of feel."

10. "Starlights Our Way" Vells
"A great British-sounding pop record where the guy sings like Morrissey. People need to hear this, 'cause it's good."

11. "Seconds" U2
"One of my favorite songs off of one of my favorite records [*War*]. People don't really go on about how great U2 were, because they're still around and aren't as rad as they used to be."

12. "Taste the Floor" The Jesus and Mary Chain
"From the period where the Jesus and Mary Chain's stuff had that punk-rock aesthetic, but it was kind of psychedelic and druggy. It was everything I wanted in high school."

GET THIS!

> Mercer used to play in a Dinosaur Jr. cover band called Blue Roof Dinner.

>> MAXIM'S VIDEO >> OF THE MONTH

COHEED AND CAMBRIA

"A Favor House Atlantic" (Equal Vision)

Once you get past the fact that the lead singer sounds like Geddy Lee after a kick in the nads, the song's pretty good. And the video—showing these Muppet-headed freaks hitting on chicks and failing—is something we're sure you can relate to.

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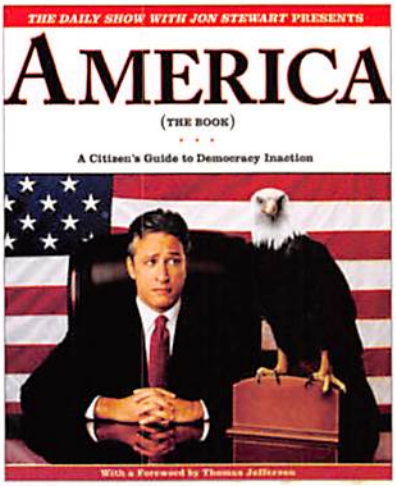
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(THE BOOK)
A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction
With a Foreword by Thomas Jefferson

AMERICA (THE BOOK)

By Jon Stewart and the writers of *The Daily Show*
(Warner Books, $25)

With unbiased media coverage getting harder to come by, we've had one rock-solid source for news and information: Comedy Central's *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart*. But wouldn't it be great to get their warped perspective on our nation's tawdry, pockmarked history as well as current events? Well, now we can. Using the format of a grade-school social studies textbook, the wise-ass *Daily Show* crew lay revisionist history waste to our country's Official Story, supporting their caustic theories on democracy, how we got it, and how we're (ab)using it with a healthy helping of charts, graphs, and all-important discussion questions. If real schoolbooks were this funny, intelligent, and brutally frank, maybe we would have actually gone to class.—*Steve Kandell*

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★★

33 1/3 SERIES

Various authors (Continuum, $10 each)

Love it or hate it, Nick Hornby's *High Fidelity* at least snatched pop music writing away from pasty snob reviewers *(cough)* and made it accessible for anyone who's ever had a favorite song. This ongoing series of novellas and essays takes that idea and runs with it, as musicians, writers, and scholars give us their thoughts on a single album. But this isn't wheezy music criticism—every author's take is auto-biographical and anecdotal. And the range of albums (everything from the Beatles' *Let It Be* to the Replacements', um, *Let It Be*) is eclectic enough that there should be something for everyone.—*S.K.*

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★☆

BALLAD OF THE WHISKEY ROBBER

By Julian Rubinstein (Little, Brown & Co., $24)

The subtitle says it all: "A true story of bank heists, ice hockey, Transylvanian pelt smuggling, moonlighting detectives, and broken hearts." Attila Ambrus was the goalkeeper for the worst hockey team in Budapest, as well as a gambler, womanizer, prison escapee, perpetrator of 27 audacious bank robberies, and Hungarian antihero. Rubinstein has a knack for vividly portraying his stranger-than-fiction characters, from the gentleman thief to the detective on his trail, whose nickname translates as "Mound of Ass-Head." By turns hilarious and incredible, this stuff just can't be made up.—*Greg Williams*

***Maxim* rating:** ★★★★★

> THE FINE PRINT

DESTINATION: MORGUE!

By James Ellroy
(Vintage Books, $14)

You probably know Ellroy as the author of *L.A. Confidential*, but if you haven't actually read any of his hard-boiled crime fiction before, this collection could act as the perfect starting point. Autobiographical essays and L.A.-based fiction all share his distinctive, staccato-prose style and boozy tough guy swagger.

★★★☆☆

ANOTHER BULLSHIT NIGHT IN SUCK CITY

By Nick Flynn
(Norton, $24)

Author Flynn is living at a former strip joint and working as a case-worker at a homeless shelter in Boston. At age 27, he encounters his absentee father, a self-proclaimed poet and con man who's been in prison for bank robbery. You thought *your* dad was a deadbeat. A good yarn, but a better title.

★★★☆☆

THE CANNABIS COMPANION

By Steve Wishnia
(Running Press, $17)

If you want to learn how marijuana was used in the 16th century, read the first half of this book. If you want to know how to grow it, smoke it, and "manage the high," man, then skip ahead and just read the second half. Former *High Times* editor Wishnia somehow remembers to cover it all.

★★★☆☆

THE NORMALS

By David Gilbert
(Bloomsbury, $25)

What can a 28-year-old Harvard grad and career temp do to escape his live-in girlfriend, his mother's Alzheimer's, and a stalking debt collector? If you're the put-upon protagonist of this intelligent and funny dissection of our ADD-addled culture, you sign up for a stint as a human guinea pig at a pharmaceutical company. Naturally.

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GET THIS!

> One of Jon Stewart's early gigs was opening for Sheena Easton.

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> GAME ON!

Tim and Bob had their mother's eyes. All 12 of them.

DOOM 3

Activision [ ]

At this point it's safe to assume you're familiar with this near-legendary sci-fi shooter franchise. But don't get too comfortable, 'cause part three's shadows are deeper, sounds are scarier, and monsters are monstrouser. The pace is also more deliberate, which only makes you dread what's ahead even more—and you damn well should, since all the cyber-creepazoids have gotten bionic makeovers. All the light sources are destructible this time, so check your fire or you'll find yourself fighting in total darkness with only raised neck hairs to guide you. Combine the claustrophobic visuals with a rich mix of multichannel audio and you're in for the most creepily atmospheric bug hunt on any platform.—*John Walsh*

***Maxim* rating:**

CHEATS!

All-Star Baseball 2005 [ ]
This isn't really a "cheat" per se, but if you let the game idle while you're in the field, the in-game commentators will eventually start trashing your pitcher.

Psi-Ops: The Mindgate Conspiracy [ ]
Go to the "Extra Content" menu and enter this number sequence: 537893. It'll unlock all your Psi powers, allowing you to defeat enemies more easily and, we assume, give more accurate palm readings.

Driv3r [ ]
At any point, hit R1, L2, square, circle, R1, R2, L2 to give yourself access to all the weapons in the game. If things are still too tough for you, hit square, square, L1, R1, L2, R2, R2 to make yourself invincible (unless you're playing story mode).

Now that's just plain Ludacris

DEF JAM FIGHT FOR NY

EA [ ]
Forget rap lyrics—rap video games are where the real violence is. Playing as Ludacris, Busta Rhymes, and more than 40 other hip-hop personalities, you'll hurl rivals in front of subway trains, pound them with bats, and (of course!) punch 'em in the nut sacks. Should the lyrically challenged feel left out, you can create your own brawler outfitted in ice courtesy of celebrity bling supplier Jacob the Jeweler. Better to look good than to—*ow*—feel good.—*Alex Porter*
***Maxim* rating:**

"Ms. O'Donnell, no!"

CALL OF CTHULHU—DARK CORNERS OF THE EARTH

Bethesda Softworks [ ]
Walls crawl. Your vision blurs. Friends become foes. No, it isn't the morphine. In this atmospheric adventure based on horror author H.P. Lovecraft's imagination, your worst enemy is your own fragile mind. Instead of health indicators, blood splatters let you know how well (or badly) you're doing, as you make your way from one nightmare scenario to the next. But, hey, it's just a game...*right?*—*Scott Steinberg*
***Maxim* rating:**

GAME KEY:

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PC	

> BLIPS ON THE SCREEN

FABLE Microsoft [ ]

All of your choices, whether good or bad, affect your appearance in this twisted fantasy adventure. Be a nice guy and you'll look cool and heroic. Be a total bastard and you'll grow horns (which are also kinda cool). Choose wisely.
***Maxim* rating:**

ESPN NHL 2K5 Sega [ ]

What's this year's big feature? Greater control over hacking, slashing, elbowing, and, of course, fighting. There's also a hyper-detailed Franchise Mode that really puts you in the GM hot seat. And, oh, yeah, the hockey is pretty good, too.
***Maxim* rating:**

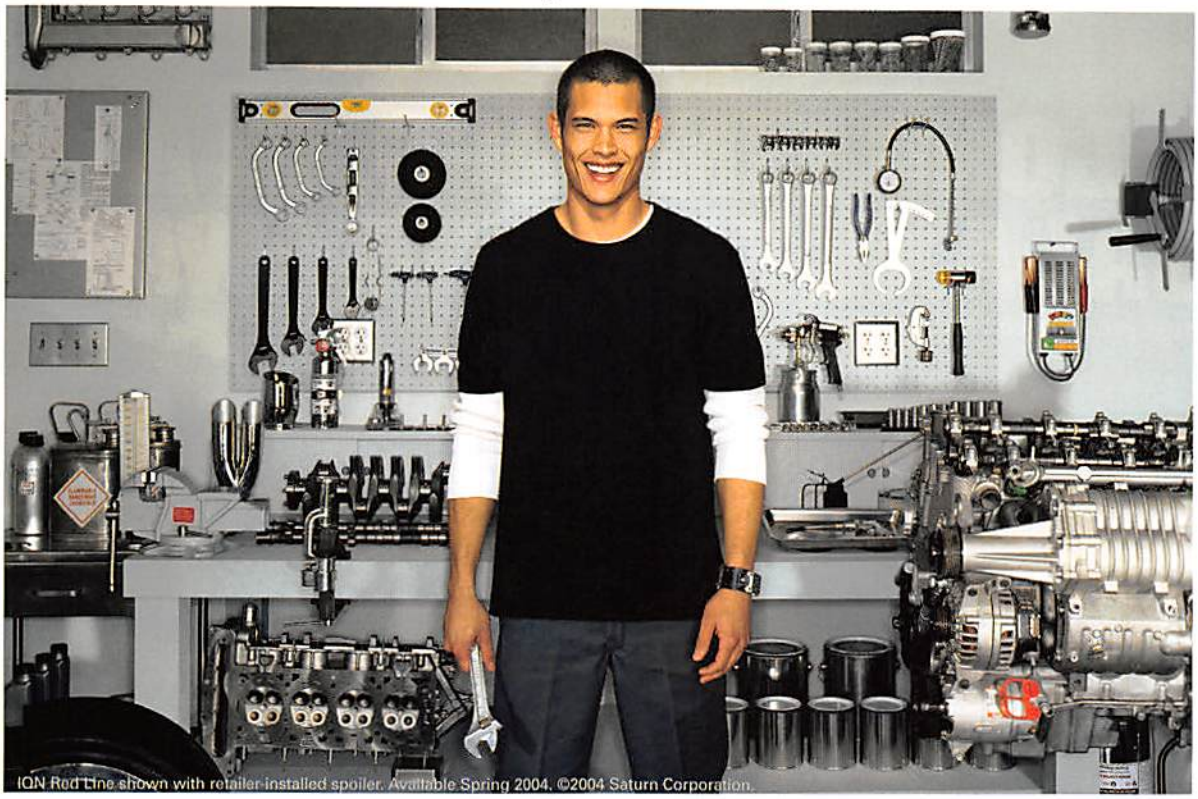
S.T.A.L.K.E.R.: SHADOW OF CHERNOBYL

THQ [ ]
As a scavenger of irradiated bounty, you battle soldiers, rival scavengers, and mutants in first-person action. Who'd have thought cashing in on the Soviets' epic disaster could be this much fun?
***Maxim* rating:**

STREET FIGHTER ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION

Capcom [ ]
Everybody's been kungfu fighting for 15 years, and Capcom commemorates their hit brawler title with this combo-pack of *Street Fighter II* and *III*. But, wait...what were we fighting about again?
***Maxim* rating:**

The Chose His Car Over His Girlfriend Guy



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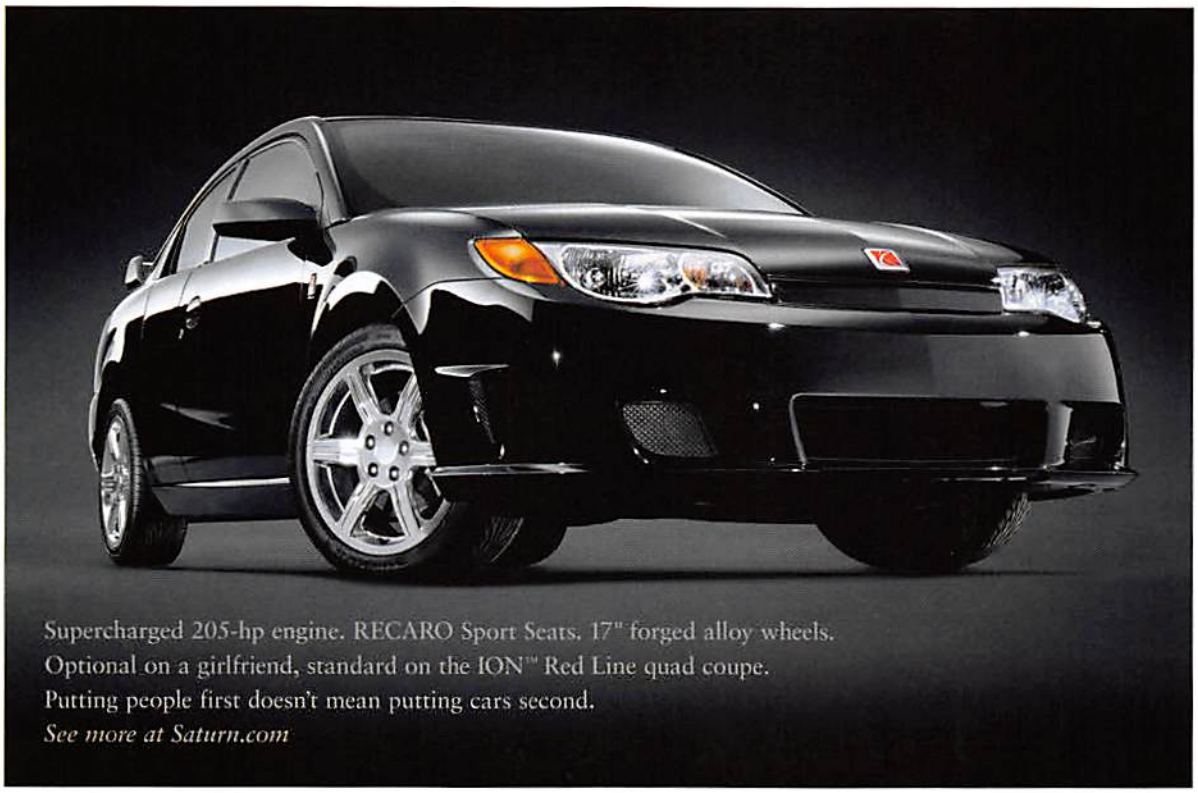
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STAR WARS SPECIAL

FEEL THE FORCE

"A LONG TIME AGO, IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY..."

...these guys all had jobs. While some ended up doing OK, what happened to the rest of the Star Wars crew?

CARRIE FISHER
After drug troubles, Carrie now has a talk show on the Oxygen network, the last refuge of fading female stars.

MARK HAMILL
A car wreck between *Star Wars* and *Empire* mangled his fresh-faced looks and put a crimp in his post-*SW* career. He keeps busy doing voice-over work.

PETER MAYHEW
He's pretty much been consigned to sci-fi convention hell, but he'll be donning the walking carpet one more time for an appearance in the forthcoming *Episode III*.

HARRISON FORD
Star Wars? Big deal. Ford scored the Indiana Jones trilogy, two huge Jack Ryan flicks, *Blade Runner*, *The Fugitive*, and *Sabrina*. Oh, well.

ANTHONY DANIELS
He decided things were safer inside the gold plating: Daniels voiced C-3PO in *Episode I*, returned in *Episode II*, and will be back for *III*.

KENNY BAKER
Another lifer. Baker is still performing R2-D2 in the prequels, every now and then taking a side job. (He played the "zookeeper" in *24 Hour Party People*.)

BILLY DEE WILLIAMS
Like Carrie Fisher, pops up every now and then on-screen (*Undercover Brother, Batman*). Has had gallery showings for his paintings.

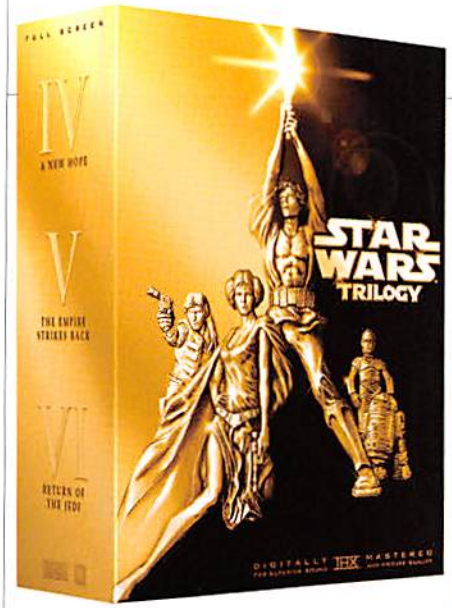
DENIS LAWSON
The real-life uncle of new Obi-Wan Ewan McGregor, Lawson has kept himself busy on the London stage, where he's a well-known musical comedy actor.

JEREMY BULLOCH
He successfully shook off the Boba Fett burden, recently starring in a low-budget English thriller, playing a detective named...Fett. Oh, wait...

DAVID PROWSE
Was apparently pissed when all his lines were dubbed by James Earl Jones. Was probably even more pissed when his London gym closed in 2000.

TIM ROSE
Hasn't done much since his Admiral Ackbar heyday, but he did have the joy of playing Howard the Duck in George Lucas' *other* legendary sci-fi blockbuster.

FRANK OZ
Since he no longer has to puppet the now-computerized Yoda, Oz records the voice, then goes back to directing the likes of *The Stepford Wives.*



> A NEW HOPE

TECHNOLOGY STRIKES BACK

Original Star Wars *trilogy DVDs you will own. Many, many special features you will watch. Reason for living confirmed it will be.*

Ever since the DVD format began slowly sending VHS to bargain basement hell, we've had an empty spot in our home libraries set aside for the original (a.k.a. non–Jar Jar) *Star Wars* trilogy. On September 21, the wait will finally be over—we'll have our Han Solos, Boba Fetts, and, grudgingly, even our furry little Ewoks all cleaned up and prettified like never before. Those lucky enough to have seen the first *Star Wars* in theaters haven't seen anything like this: A brand-new digital transfer means images so sharp they can cut carbonite, and a 5.1-channel Dolby Digital surround mix will have you ducking Star Destroyers all over again. As if that weren't enough, a fourth disc features a Jabba the Hutt–size load of booty straight out of the Lucasfilm archives. To quote a certain Dark Lord of the Sith, "This will be a day long remembered."

Empire of Dreams: The Story of the Star Wars Trilogy: This whopping two-and-a-half-hour documentary details the birth of *Star Wars* all the way from George Lucas' notepad to sci-fi movie legend. Archival footage and new interviews with all involved trace the project from its somewhat ignoble beginnings (20th Century Fox almost shelved it) to eventual triumph.

The Birth of the Lightsaber: Yup, an entire featurette on these space-age Ginsu knives. You'll learn how their effects were achieved, how the Jedi fighting style was developed, and, hopefully, why you still can't help but imitate the noise whenever you carry an open umbrella.

The Force Is With Them: The Legacy of Star Wars: Relax, you weren't the only one so entranced by *Star Wars* that it changed your life. (You are, however, the only one still wearing Underoos. Stop it.) Interviews with Hollywood heavy hitters like James Cameron, Ridley Scott, Steven Spielberg, and Peter Jackson (who we hear just finished a little trilogy of his own) discuss the impact *Star Wars* had on movies and those who make them.

Original trailers and TV spots: On most DVDs, special features like this one tend to be pretty lame affairs, but the industrious folk at Lucasfilm have taken the time to dig up some extremely rare promotional spots that haven't been seen by the general public since they originally aired on late-'70s and early-'80s TV. That strange sloshing sound you may hear is the nostalgia buffs already starting to salivate.

Movies: ✪✪✪✪✪
Special features: ✪✪✪✪✪

TRIVIA

> Oddly, the word *Ewok* is never uttered by anybody in *Return of the Jedi.*

> Who needs the Force? The only non-Jedi to use a lightsaber is Han Solo.

> Peter Cushing (Grand Moff Tarkin) wore slippers during most of his scenes.

> Originally, *Jedi*'s climactic battle was going to feature Wookiees, not Ewoks.

> Boba Fett first appeared in an animated segment in *The Star Wars Holiday Special.*

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TRIVIA

> Who's the best shot? Princess Leia. She actually hits everyone she shoots at.

> *Empire's* director, Irvin Kershner, was offered the job on *Jedi*, but he turned it down.

> The name "R2-D2" comes from film-editing lingo for "Reel 2, Dialogue 2."

> To keep the filming of *Jedi* under wraps, they made up a fake title: *Blue Harvest*.

> A story line involving Chewbacca's jealousy of Han and Leia's affair was dropped.

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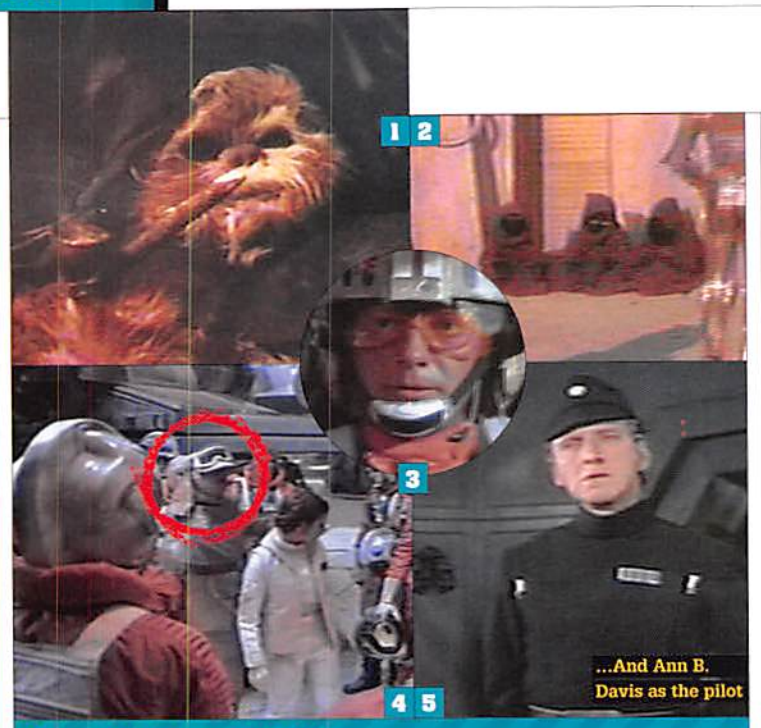

> BACKGROUND CHECK

UNSUNG HEROES

Forget the glory-hogging likes of Han Solo and Luke Skywalker. These guys really *make the movie.*

1. THE STONED EWOK
In *Return of the Jedi*, watch for this little dude hittin' the pipe and giggling at the shiny gold-plated fruitcake C-3PO.

2. THE DRUNK JAWAS
These soused shorties are slumped in the doorway just as Obi-Wan and Luke enter the Mos Eisley Cantina in *Star Wars*. Sleep it off, little guys.

3. THE "IT'S AWAY!" X-WING PILOT
This intrepid flier almost makes Luke irrelevant by taking the first shot at the Death Star. Unfortunately for him, it "didn't go in. It just impacted on the surface."

4. CLIFF CLAVIN
During Leia's prebattle speech in *The Empire Strikes Back*, watch for none other than *Cheers*' John Ratzenberger. We shit you not.

5. THE RACIST IMPERIAL OFFICER
When disguised Han and Luke bring Chewbacca into the prison area in *Star Wars*, he refers to ol' Chewie as a "thing." While not cool per se, he gets props for amping up Imperial dickness.

"May the Force be with ya, Nahmie."

> PIECES OF SITH

GARBAGE CHUTE

Yes, even Star Wars *spawned its share of spin-off crapola.*

THE STAR WARS HOLIDAY SPECIAL (1978)
This monstrosity aired only once, but it has entered into legend. The worst part? Bea Arthur doing a song-and-dance number in the cantina.

THE EWOK ADVENTURE (1984)
"Hey, people love those cuddly Ewoks—let's make a movie just about them!" "Done and done!" "Great! Who's up for a spritzer and a shotgun lobotomy?"

EWOKS: THE BATTLE FOR ENDOR (1985)
Another Ewok TV movie? Yep, this one costarred none other than oatmeal shill Wilford Brimley and featured Ewoks being attacked by witches.

STAR WARS: MASTERS OF TERÄS KÄSI (1997)
An ill-conceived video game. A one-on-one fighter pitting a Sand Person against Darth Vader? The Force is not strong with this one.

> "A LONG TIME AGO, ON A TOY STORE SHELF FAR, FAR AWAY..."

POCKET PROTECTORS

In honor of the DVDs, Hasbro is bringing back the classic figures in retro packaging. Clear your desk now.

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So when you arrived on the moon, was the people who lived there friendly or was they scared of you?

BUZZ ALDRIN:
There was absolutely no thought of encountering any living being whatsoever.

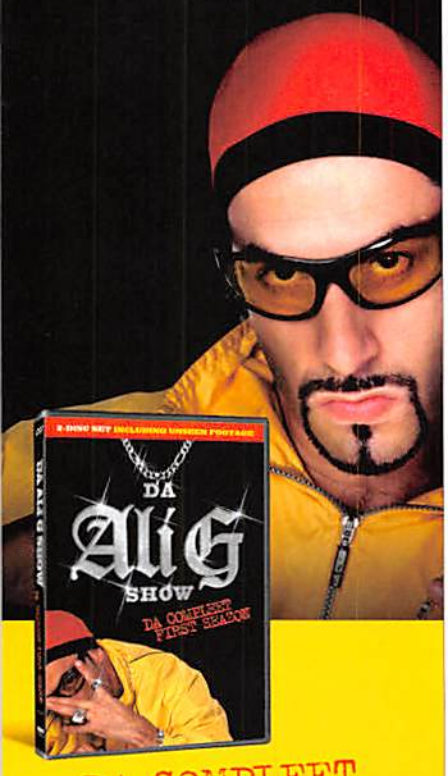
ALI G:
Do you think man will ever walk on the sun?

BUZZ ALDRIN:
No. The sun is too hot. It is not a good place to go to.

ALI G:
What happens if they went in winter, when the sun is cold?

BUZZ ALDRIN:
The sun is not cold in the winter.

Ali G meets Buzz Aldrin. Episode 4.
Da Ali G Show



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TRIVIA

> Much of *Jedi* was shot in "Bigfoot Country," so Chewbacca was ordered not to wander off set.

> To date, five actors have played some incarnation of Anakin Skywalker/ Darth Vader.

> George Lucas got the idea for Chewbacca from riding in the car with his Alaskan mala-mute, Indiana.

> In the first draft of the *Star Wars* script, Han Solo was described as being green with gills.

> *Fight Club* director David Fincher was an assistant cameraman on *Return of the Jedi*.

> WHAT A TROOPER

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HANDS
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ARMS
C-3PO, that butt-faced alien in the cantina, the wampa beast, and the prequel's Anakin all lose their entire arm.

HEADS
In *Attack of the Clones*, Mace Windu flicks his badass purple lightsaber and removes Jango Fett's melon.

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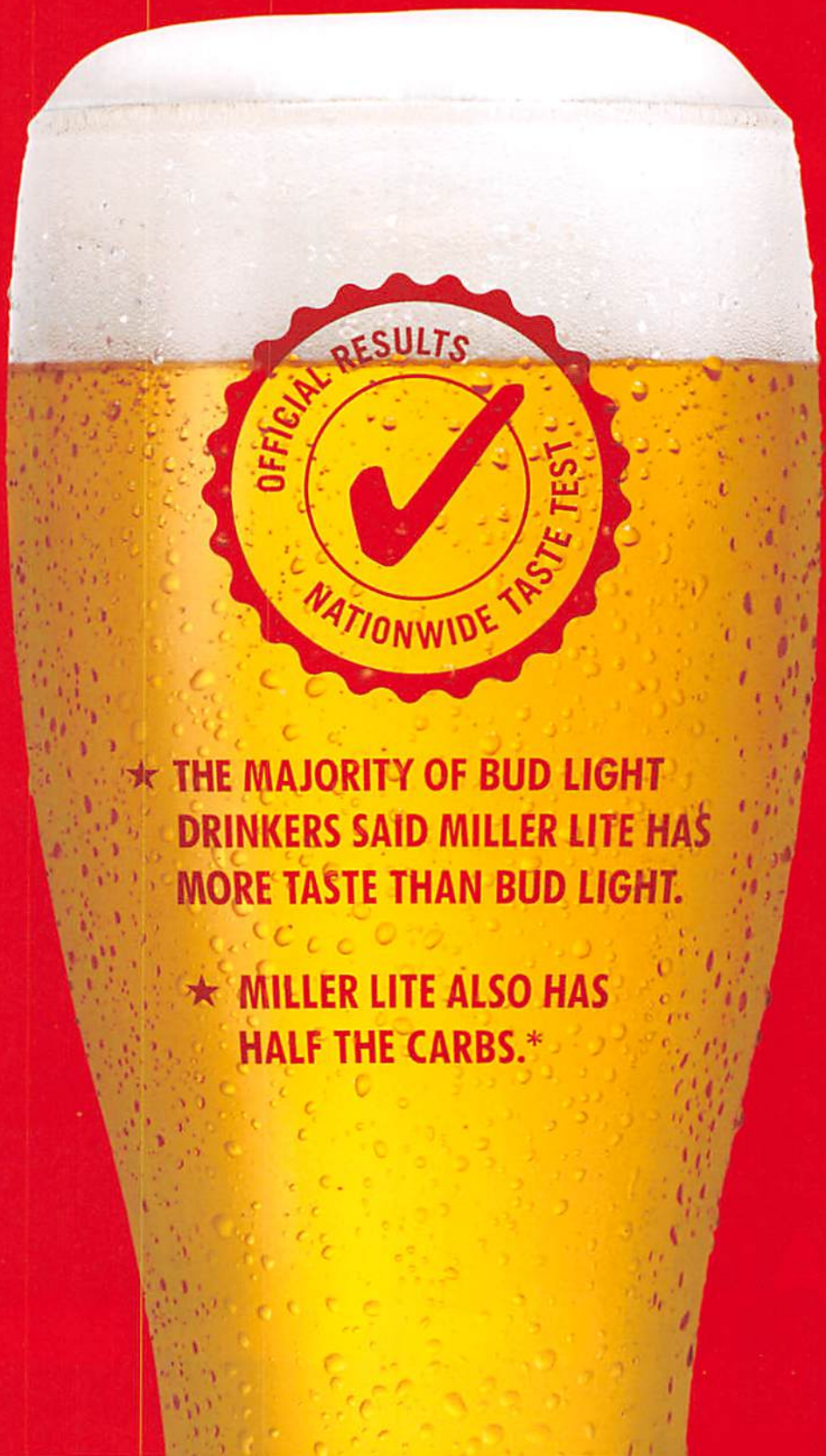

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MICHAEL VICK

We caught up with the most exciting athlete on the planet as he ran his mouth on the smokin' women of Hotlanta, brother Marcus, and being the next Bo Jackson.

FAST STATS

NFL RECORDS

Most rushing yards by a QB in a single game: 173

Most rushing yards by a QB in his first two seasons: 1,066

First QB to rush for 90 or more yards in consecutive games.

FAVORITE MOVIE

Friday

Of course, the first thing every football fan wants to know is how's the ankle?
Great. I'm back to 100 percent. I know everyone in the league will be gunning for me this season, but I think I can handle it.

Some people are saying that breaking your ankle last year was just payback for all the defensive ankles you've broken over the years.
Maybe. *[laughs]* All I know is that Michael Jordan broke his foot in his second pro season, then he came back and tore shit up, so hopefully I can do the same thing.

The Falcons were 2-10 without you last year and 3-1 after you came back. Realistically, how far can the team go?
Playoffs! We *have* to make the playoffs! In my heart I feel like I owe something to the fans. I'm playing extra hard this season to get the people of Atlanta a championship. Once we get into the playoffs, anything can happen.

But are you playing for the people of Atlanta or the *women* of Atlanta? Word on the street is that you're scoring big on *and* off the field...
Yeah, it's crazy! I'm just so fortunate to have been drafted by a town with so many smokin'...well, let's just say there's a good reason they call it Hotlanta.

You grew up a huge San Francisco 49ers fan. Are you happy that your new head coach and offensive coordinator have brought the 49ers West Coast offense to Atlanta with them?
I was raised on the 49ers. I love Jerry Rice, Joe Montana. I still remember the day John Taylor caught that touchdown. And I'm really starting to get comfortable in the West Coast offense. Greg Knapp is one of the best teachers in the game. Training camp didn't start until June, but Greg and I have been working together since early March. It's not an easy offense to master, but hopefully he can do for me what he did for Jeff Garcia and Steve Young.

When you were drafted, a lot of people said you weren't smart enough to be an NFL QB. Does that piss you off?
Yeah, some people think blacks can't make good QBs. It's that Rush Limbaugh crap. But it doesn't matter—black, white, or purple—all I wanted was a chance to prove them wrong.

Does that mean less scrambling? If a game goes into overtime—as it did against the Vikings in '02—everybody in the country wants to see you end it with one jock-dropping run.
It'll be 50-50. I'll still be improvising out there, but I'll probably spend most of my time playing the game from the pocket. I ran for 777 yards my last full season—that's a lot. Probably too much. Five hundred yards is about right. But just so everyone knows, that OT run wasn't a busted play. I knew what I was gonna do as soon as I stepped to the line: Once I saw the coverage they were in, I knew it was over.

Peyton Manning's little brother, Eli, was the first pick of the 2004 NFL draft. Your little brother, Marcus, is a controversial but talented college QB. So which brothers are better?
My brother and I don't really think about that. But Marcus is real good—better than me in a lot of ways. I don't want to get into comparisons with Peyton and Eli, but I know that when Marcus comes into the league, he'll be coming in a big way.

Your cousin Aaron Brooks is the QB for the New Orleans Saints. Do you guys talk smack on the field?
I'm not gonna lie—I like to talk out there. I've been talking ever since I was a kid playing in my backyard. It's all about getting in the other guy's head. But Brooks and I don't get into all that. It's very competitive when we get out on that field. We're both trying to prove to everybody in this league who's the real veteran.

Right before you were drafted into the NFL, you were also drafted by the Colorado Rockies—even though you hadn't played baseball since the eighth grade. Will you be the next Bo Jackson?
I was really thinking about signing with the Rockies back then. But it was just too soon. My football career wasn't really established yet. But it's a possibility.

What about the NHL? Was that you playing hockey in those Nike commercials?
No way! That was a stunt man doing all that. They just put my head in digitally.

What do you think about college guys like Maurice Clarett who want to enter the NFL early?
I'm all for it—I came in early. This was only supposed to be my second year in the league, but here I am at 24 with a lot of NFL experience. So I don't buy all that stuff about their bodies not being ready. The only question is: Are their minds ready? If they think they're ready, I'd tell all those young players, "I'll give it to you, pass it to you, and give you the opportunity to increase your talent." If they can handle the lifestyle, I say, "Come on, make the jump!"

When did you realize you were good enough to be an NFL quarterback?
I was about 12 years old. I was playing with older guys like Aaron Brooks and holding my own. His brother would come into my backyard to challenge me, and I would smoke him out. Racing guys like that and beating 'em by 25 yards—that built my confidence.

How far can you throw a football?
See, now that depends on the situation. If I'm messing around in the park, who knows? But with a 380-pound lineman bearing down, I've thrown it about 75 yards.

We asked two dozen NFL players whose skills they'd like to have for a day, and they all named you. Whose skills would Michael Vick like to test out?
Derrick Brooks. Warren Sapp. Ray Lewis. Those guys dominate the defensive side of the ball, and I'd finally get to deliver the hits. You give me the skills of those three guys and I'd make the Pro Bowl every year.

Have you ever popped someone good after an interception?
Not good enough. They teach QBs to get out of the way fast after an interception. The defense knows that we're finally fair game, and they're taught to go kill us.

Apart from the Falcons, what is your favorite professional team?
The Detroit Pistons. They play from the heart. As long as Rasheed's in Detroit, I'm a Pistons fan.

If you could pick the next *Maxim* cover girl, who would it be?
That's the toughest question I've ever been asked. I think I'd have to go with Ashanti.

End zone celebrations: for or against?
Definitely for 'em. We work so hard to get to the NFL, why not let us celebrate? This is supposed to be entertainment.

Now that we have one foot out the door, what about that Web site that claims you're a Liberace fan?
Those motherfuckers. That's all a bunch of bullshit. Talking like that is a good way to get hurt. You can print that!

For more of *Maxim*'s 2004 NFL preview, sign on to **maximonline.com.**

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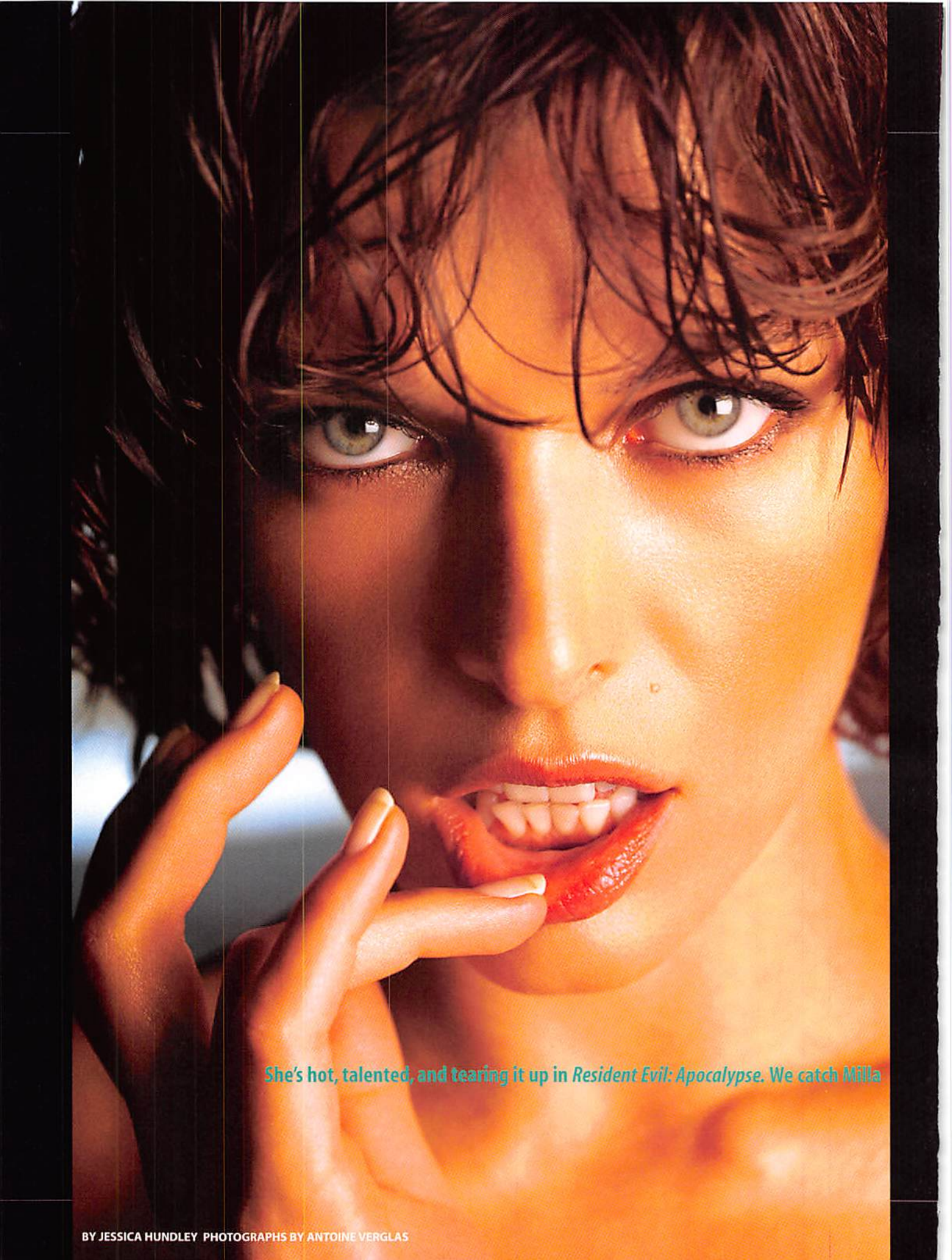

She's hot, talented, and tearing it up in *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*. We catch Milla

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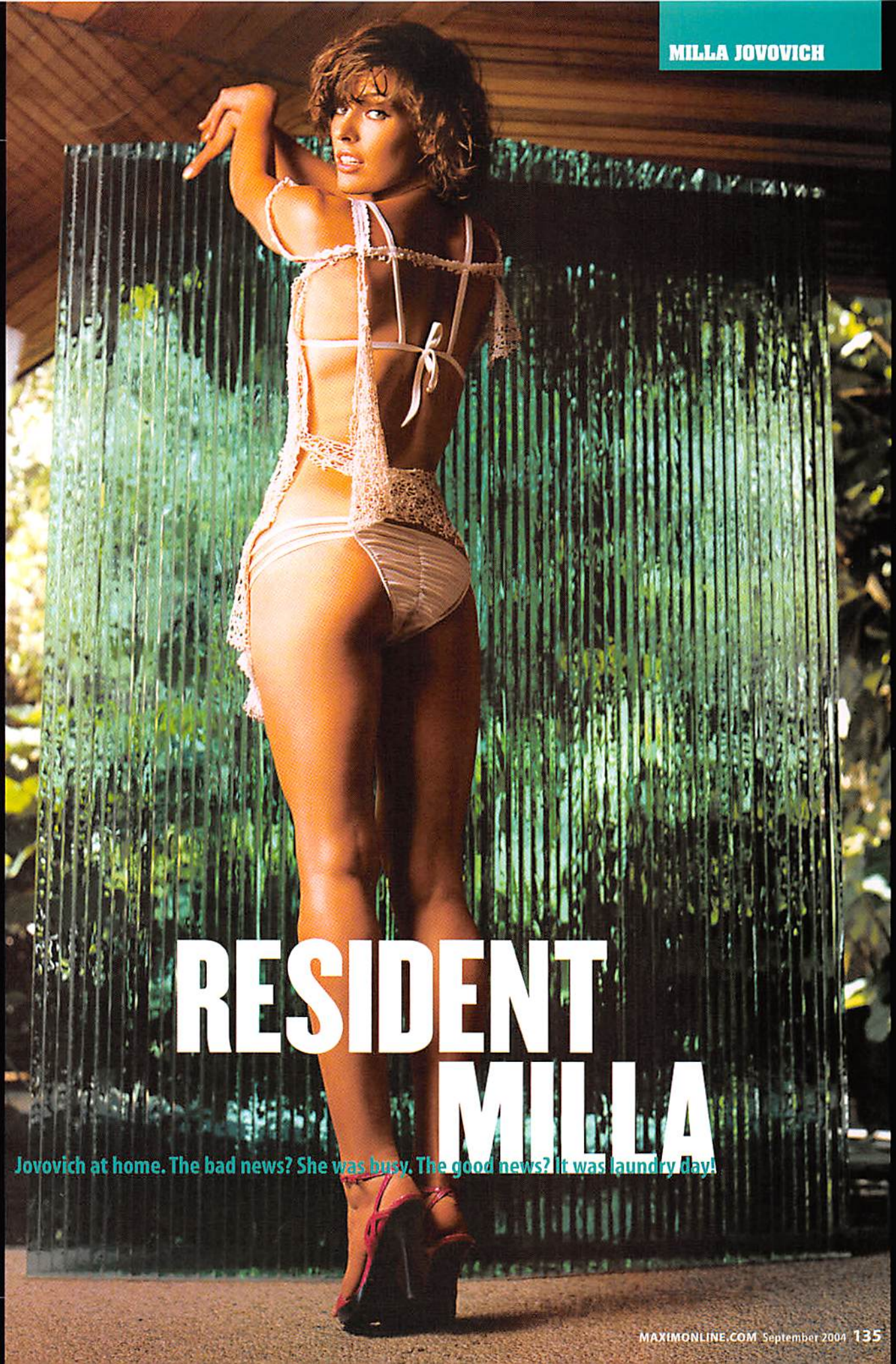
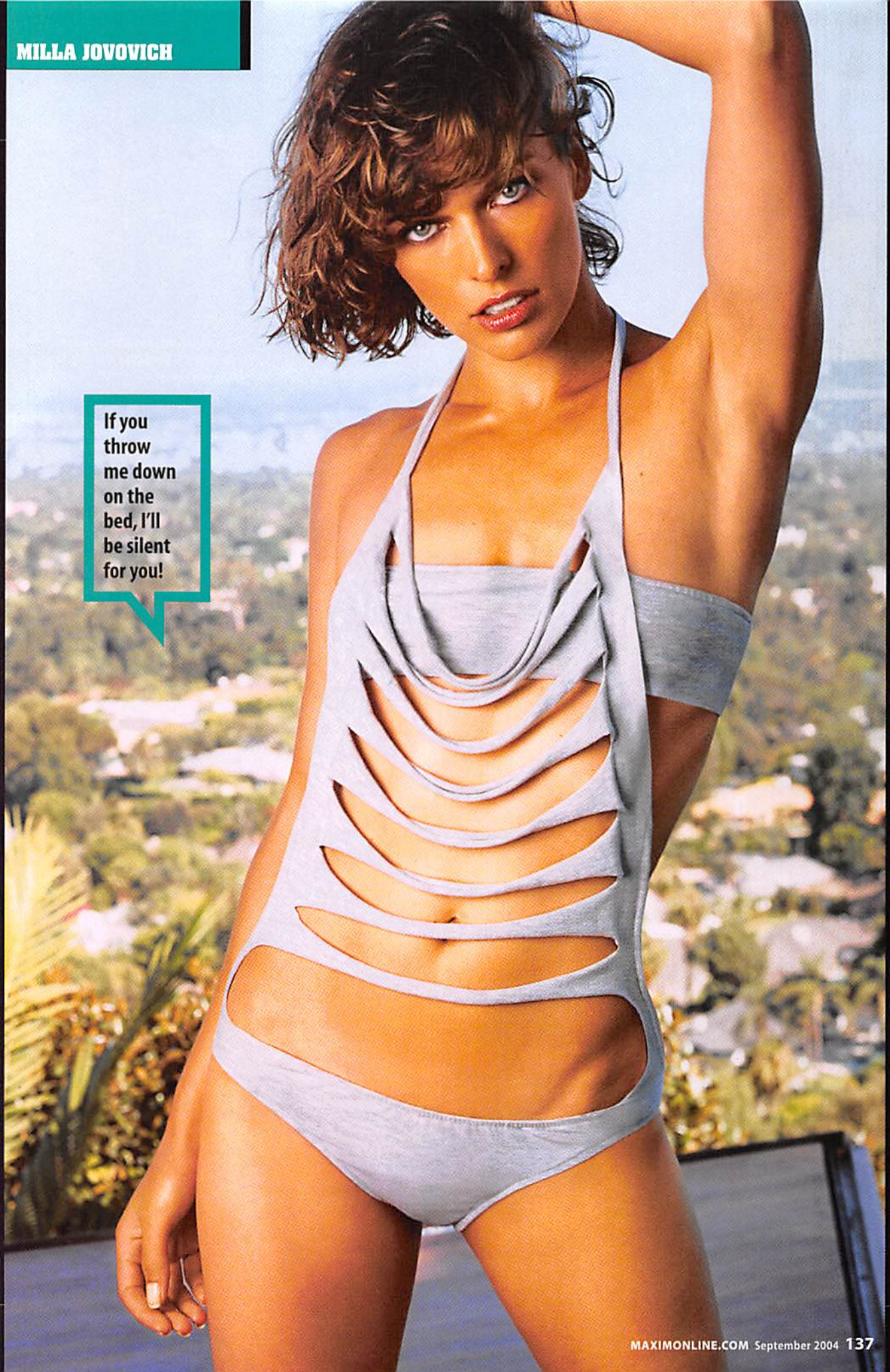


RESIDENT MILLA

Jovovich at home. The bad news? She was busy. The good news? It was laundry day!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MILLA JOVOVICH

"Bless me, father, for I am about to sin."

When it comes to our every fantasy, few women can hold a candle to Milla Jovovich. Since her stint as shipwrecked jailbait in *Return to Blue Lagoon*, Milla has played a saint in *The Messenger*, a sinner in *He Got Game*, and a "supreme being" in *The Fifth Element*. She's also kicked countless asses in films like *Resident Evil*, this month's zombie-decimating sequel *Resident Evil 2: Apocalypse*, and the upcoming vampire flick *Ultraviolet*. In between she's put together a hefty supermodel portfolio, recorded albums, and designed a clothing line. Now deslack your jaw and read on.

You've been on magazine covers since you were 11. How does it feel to finally be on our cover?

I'm excited. I have my own clothing line now, so I thought, *What better place to premiere my bikinis than on the cover of* Maxim*? It's only the sexiest magazine in the world, and if I'm going to do the sexiest magazine, I have to have the sexiest bikinis, which are my own!* I had to keep telling the seamstress, "Make it smaller!" It's going to be pretty shocking. My grandma might be upset at me, but that's a good thing, probably.

You've also done the *Resident Evil* sequel; what's so appealing about killing the undead that you'd come back for more?

I was always really into science fiction, like *Dune* and *The Lord of the Rings*. Anything that has to do with morphing or warping or superpowers, I'm like, "Sign me up!" Every time I talk to my dad, he's like, "So, baby, how many did you kill today?" And I'm like, "Oh, like eight or nine. It was a slow day!" But I love that. I'm of the She-Ra, Princess of Power school, man! The completely hot girl with the sword!

The completely hot girl with the sword and the breakaway top?

Why not? I was just at this bookstore, and I saw the cover of a *Heavy Metal* comic book, and it had this woman with fairy wings and big, oiled muscles and no shirt on. Her breasts were huge and she was leaning on her crazy New Age sword, thinking about something really deep, like, *Should I enter that city over on the horizon with a breast plate on or not? I mean, my breasts are really amazing.* I don't have that choice myself. In my films my breasts are definitely computer animated, because I don't have any. They spend most of the money in the film's budget just making my breasts! That's why the producers never like me.

You must go through some extremely hard-core training, though. Did they make you sit around and play the *Resident Evil* video game for days on end?

I did tons of training for both *Resident Evil* and my next movie, *Ultraviolet*. I did tae kwon do, kick boxing . . . you name it. We also did some crazy stunts . . . or, rather, my stunt double—she's really badass—did them. I rappelled, like, 60 feet down a building, but she did 260 feet. I also got myself on an Olympic-like training schedule for *Ultraviolet*, plus all this swordplay and these crazy wushu martial arts. I can't wait for people to see that movie. It's gonna be so kick-ass! ▶

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★ MILLA'S GREATEST HITS

From child star to songbird to world savior, Milla's kept herself busy over the years.

FASHION MODEL
Milla has graced the covers of more than 100 different magazines worldwide. Chalk up one more.

SINGER
She released her well-received first album, *The Divine Comedy*, at the tender age of 18.

ACTRESS
Milla broke through as a big-screen ass-kicker with the likes of *The Fifth Element* in 1997.

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How do you mellow out after such extreme activity?
Actually, I went trekking in Mongolia with my brother to do something even more extreme.
Are you an adrenaline junkie or what?
I just really want to learn and experience as much of life as I can. You need to take things to the next level. So if I find myself passionate about something, I go for it. You also need to know who you are without all this crap around you. That's why it was important to go to Mongolia, for instance, to go somewhere where there were no cities or lights, only me and the sky. It was crazy there! I had little kids throwing dung at me...
Um, why?
They were playing some game. I was like, "Haven't you guys ever heard of Silly String?" I also milked a yak there. Man, those women in Mongolia, they have hands like machines! They get industrial spray out of those yaks! I just got these little dribbles.
We're letting that one go. Your character in *Dazed and Confused* plays the guitar, rolls the perfect spliff, and rarely speaks—in other words, the perfect girlfriend. What makes the perfect boyfriend?
The perfect boyfriend is definitely somebody who's really funny and easygoing but knows how to take control when needed.
Knows the right moment to pick you up and throw you onto the bed?
That and other things too. Women sometimes are so manic about things; it's nice to have a man who can just tell you to calm down and chill out...and then throw you on the bed!
That kind of man is hard to find.
Yeah, well, so are quiet women!
Yeah, silent girls are pretty rare.
If you throw me on the bed, I'll be silent for you!
What's the deal with you and your directors? You were married to one (*The Fifth Element*'s Luc Besson) and are now engaged to another (*Resident Evil*'s Paul W.S. Anderson).
Like I said, I like men who take control. I'm a strong character to deal with, and I want to feel the man I'm with is capable of comforting me. Most of the time I'm working, so I don't have a personal life where I can meet a lot of men.
So despite your fame and success, your life's not totally perfect?
It may look like it. But my family moved to America in 1980. My dad was studying to be a doctor and my mom was a movie star in Russia, but here they were working as housekeepers. That was my beginning in America. We all had to work to survive. But I'm not about to give a sob story. I've made a few fun movies, I have a great line of clothing out, I've got music that people can download off my Web site, and I have some really sexy pictures in *Maxim* for all those guys out there who want to check out my tits...or lack of them!
Sorry...what were you saying? M

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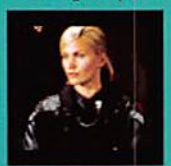
★ SCREAM QUEENS

DAMES OF THE DEAD

Milla ain't the only hottie who's sent a walking corpse or two back to hell.

Sarah Polley, DAWN OF THE DEAD
A hot blonde going shopping is common. But if a couple of hundred zombies are chasing her, it's this pic (or crack pipe sale day at C-Town).

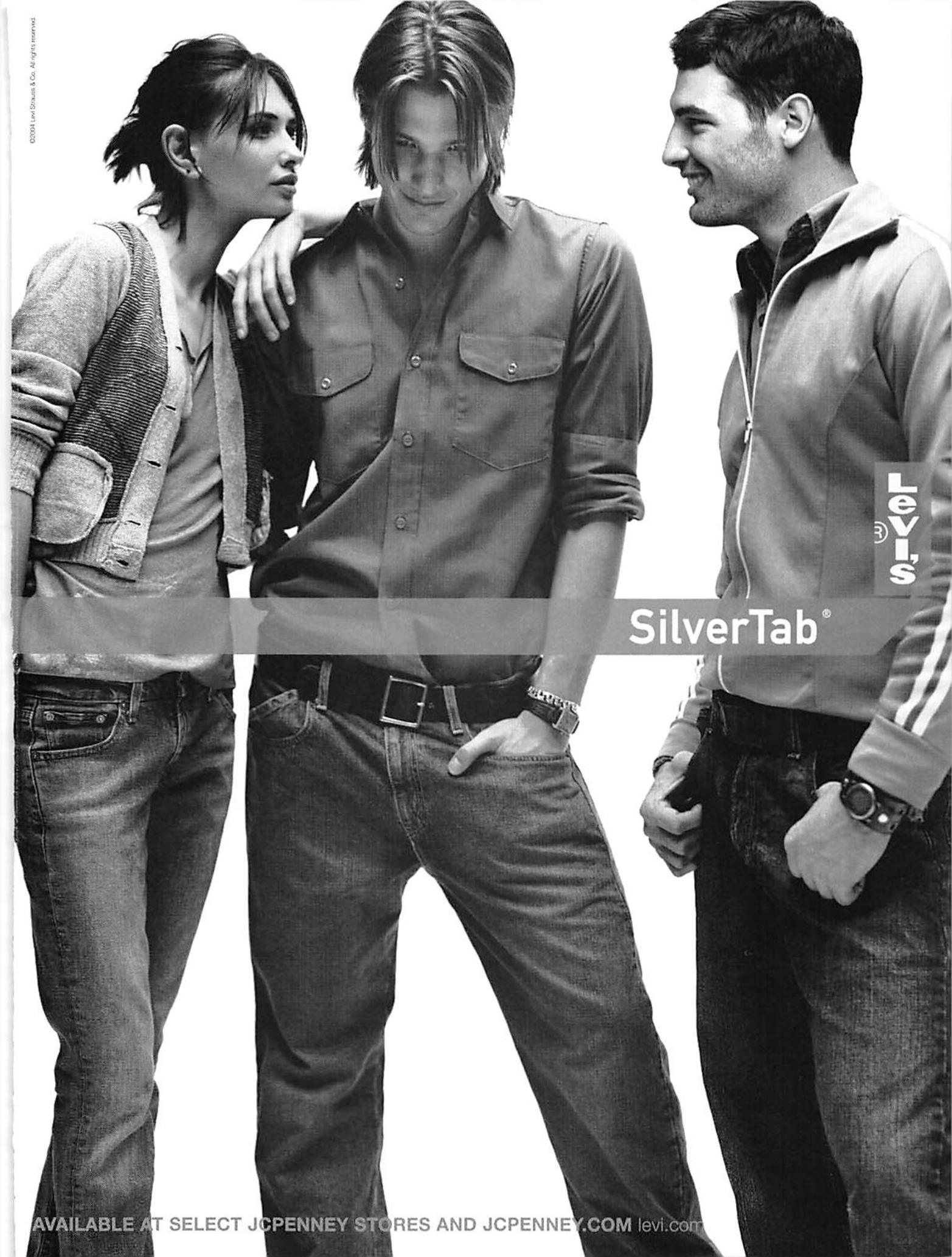
Jessica Alba, IDLE HANDS
Not even the icy grip of death could keep our idle hands off a brain-melting hottie like two-time *Maxim* cover babe Jessica. We're sure you agree.



Natasha Henstridge, GHOSTS OF MARS
The only woman who can battle undead-alien-spirits-that-possess-human-astronauts and look damn good doing it.

Ona Grauer, HOUSE OF THE DEAD
Although she doesn't get topless like some fellow ravers turned zombie killers, Ona does have the decency to battle evil in a tight black tank top.

Vampira, PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE
She's a vampire-zombie alien dressed like a nocturnal skank. Maybe Ed Wood made crap movies, but his leading ladies were *classy*.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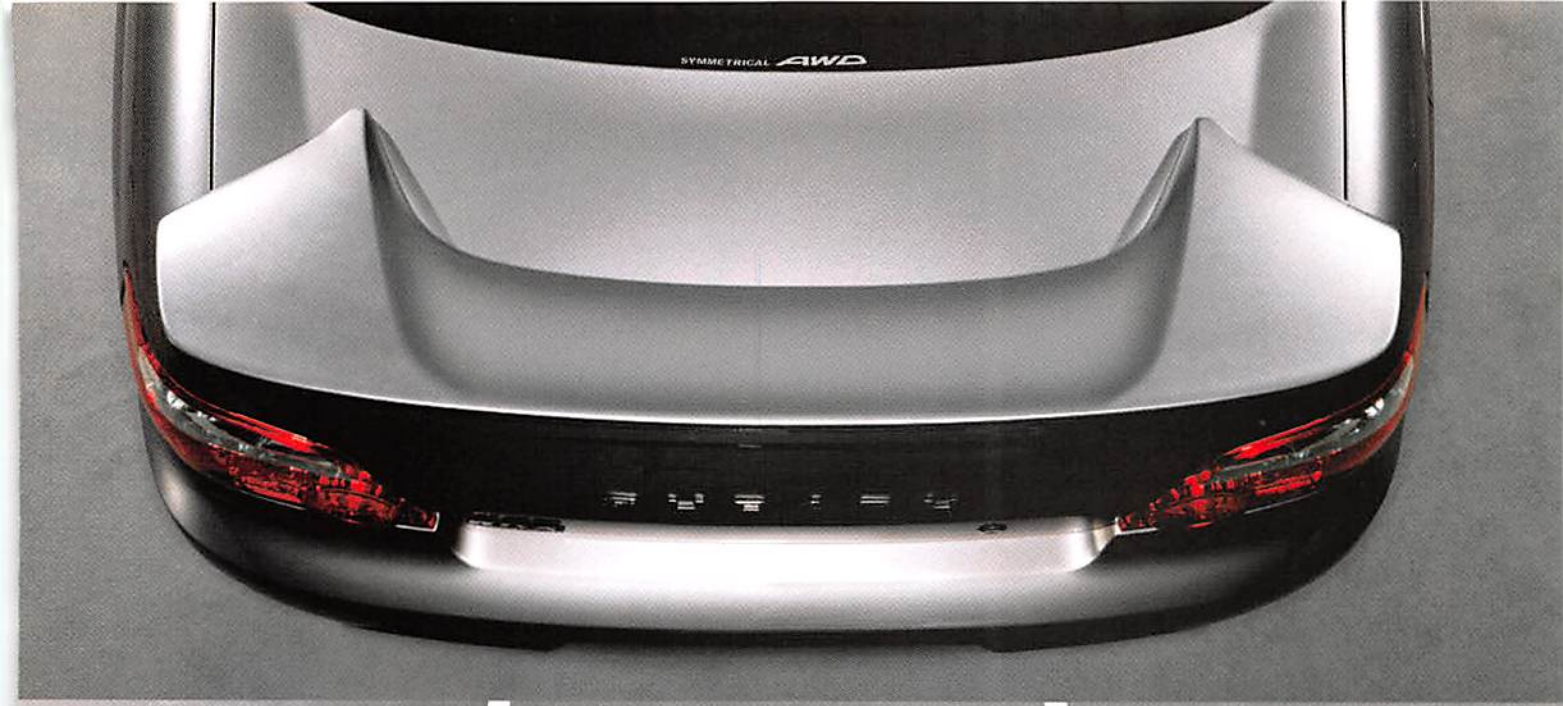

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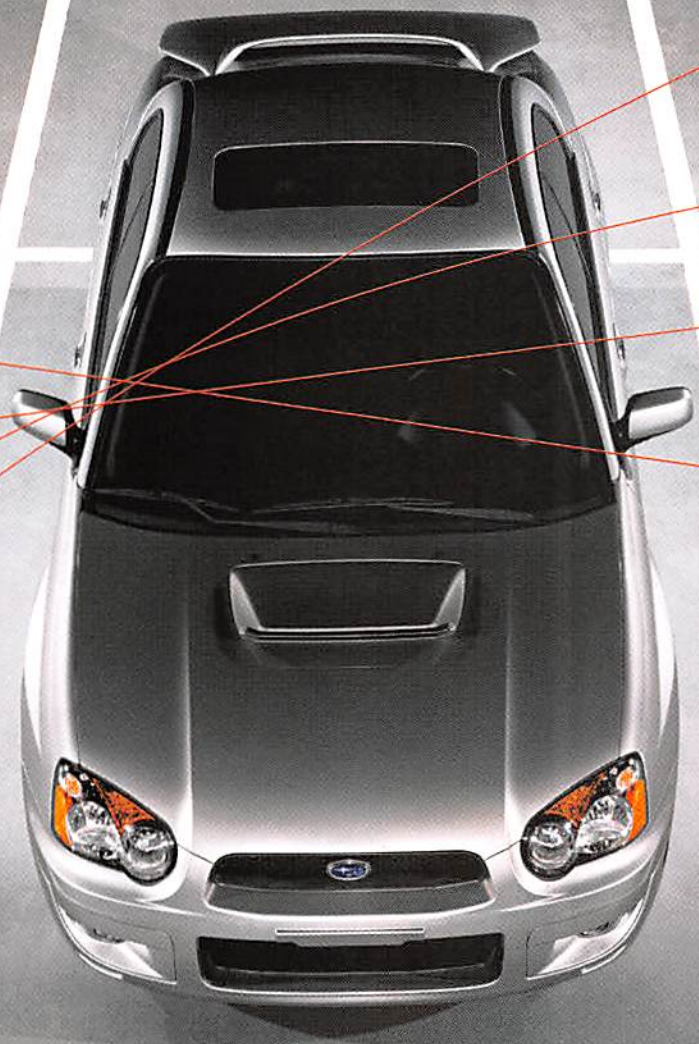

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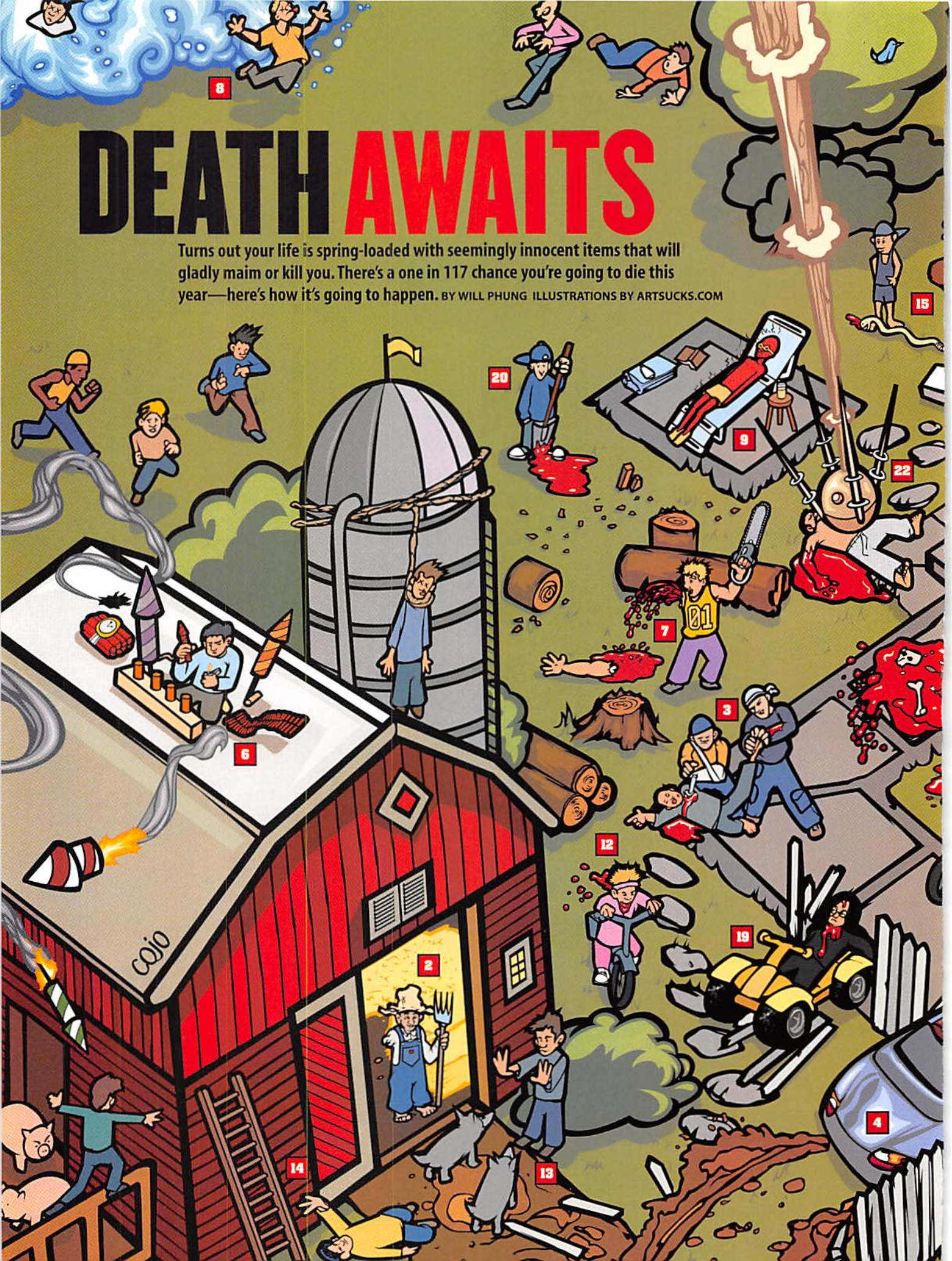
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1 ...IN YOUR BACKYARD!

1. **DEER** Between 100 and 200 humans die each year when Bambis selfishly step in front of cars.

2. **FARMS** Live the simple life? Good for you! You're three times more likely to lose a limb than a city mouse and twice as likely to die by poison.

3. **PEOPLE** Chances you'll be murdered this year: one in 18,000. Chances the story of your demise will inspire an episode of *Law & Order*: much, much higher.

4. **CARS** Your odds of a serious car crash this year: one in 40. Each year, 41,000 of you become road kill.

5. **BIRDS** At least 400 people have died in accidents that occurred when these befeathered bastards played chicken with planes.

6. **FIREWORKS** Between 2000 and 2002, fun fireworks blew 18 people out of their mortal coils.

7. **CHAIN SAWS** These injure* about 40,000 people a year (not including Leatherface's victims).

8. **DAMS** Your odds of drowning in a huge flood caused by a freak dam failure are one in 10 million.

9. **SUN** Look on the bright side! Almost one person an hour dies from sun-induced melanoma.

10. **LIGHTNING** Ben Franklin was on to something before the one dollar bill, kids. An average of 73 people are struck and killed by lightning each year.

11. **TRAMPOLINES** Between 1990 and 2000, trampolines bounced 11 people into the afterlife.

12. **BIKES** Ride or die! Or both: More than 600,000 are hurt on bicycles annually, 824 of them fatally.

13. **DOGS** Fido's vicious bite (not his bark) sends one person to the hospital every 40 seconds.

14. **LADDERS** Half a million are hurt every year falling off ladders, and 300 fall all the way to hell.

15. **BITES** You've got a one in 54 million chance of dying from a spider, lizard, snake, or Courtney Love bite.

16. **POOLS** Better pack those water wings: In 2000, nine people a day drowned while swimming.

17. **LAWN MOWERS** In 2000, over 81,000 people had their health clipped by these death traps.

18. **BEES** Yellow menace! Each year bee stings inject death into one in 6 million Americans.

19. **ATVs** If it can take out Ozzy, it can take out you: ATVs accounted for 84,900 injuries in one year alone.

20. **SHOVELS** With shovels, 3,565 dumb-asses dug themselves right into the ER in 2001.

21. **SLEDGEHAMMERS** Another 1,534 stooges beaned themselves with sledgehammers.

22. **SKY** Look up! Your odds of being killed by an object falling from the heavens: one in 250 million.

23. **HOLES** Look down! There's a one in 2.8 million chance you'll die by comically falling into a hole.

* Injuries generally indicate either an ER visit or a workplace accident resulting in missed work. All statistics refer to the U.S. and are annual unless otherwise noted.

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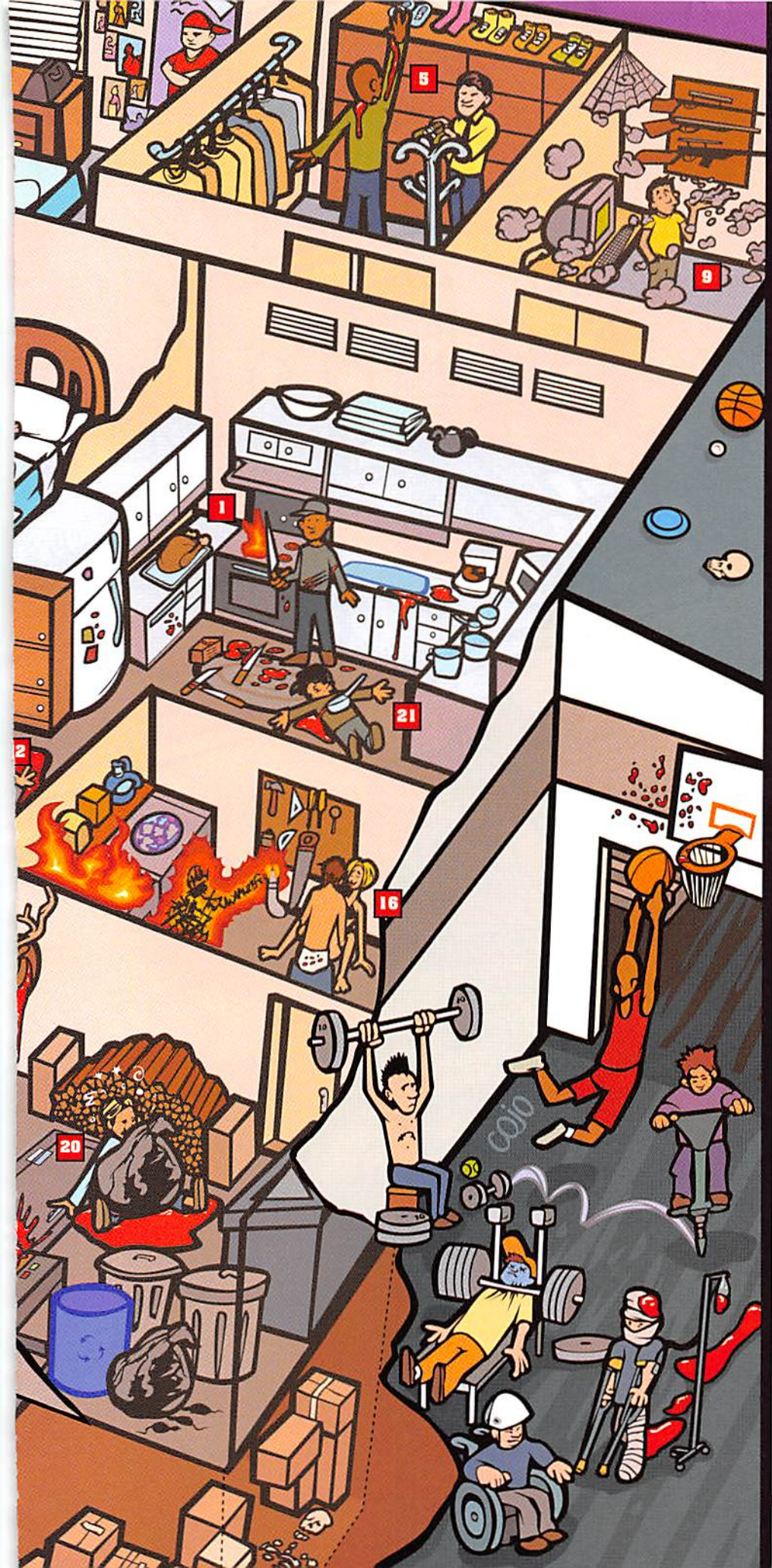

2 ...IN YOUR OWN HOME!

1. **OVENS** About eight people a year die from the fumes released by gas ovens. The lesson? Never cook.

2. **DINNER** Heart disease offed 700,142 salad dodgers in 2001. Of the lucky 76 million Americans a year who get food poisoning (not the ones who just say it to skip work), 5,000 die. Oh, and you have a one in 150,000 chance of choking to death. *Bon appétit!*

3. **ALCOHOL** Delicious firewater brought sweet death to 19,423 of your drinking buddies in 2001.

4. **SODA** Every year, more than 4,000 people are idiotically hurt by plastic soda bottles.

5. **YOUR WARDROBE** One in 1.6 million Americans will inexplicably die when their clothes catch fire this year; snazzy footwear alone kicked 109,681 fashion-forward folks to the hospital in 2000.

6. **CHRISTMAS TREES** Happy holideath! About 400 chestnut-roasting fires are caused by Christmas trees in a typical year; five humans are felled.

7. **MEDICINE CABINETS** Prescription medication cures 100,000 Americans of living every year.

8. **EXTENSION CORDS** These injure about 4,000 people a year and start fires that kill 50.

9. **DUST** Globally, 2.8 million folks die each year from diseases caused by dust (regular dust, not angel).

10. **RAZORS** Roughly 40,000 men every year nick themselves so badly shaving that they have to go to the hospital. And, no, none of them ever live it down.

11. **BACKPACKS** Damn hippies: Emergency rooms reported more than 13,260 backpack injuries in 2000.

12. **READING MATERIALS** Books and magazines somehow seriously injure 10,683 people a year.

13. **TVs** God's Little Baby-sitter played a role in 41,462 different maimings in 2000.

14. **BEDS** Don't lie down—466,464 people were comfortably wounded in 2000 by their beds.

15. **DRINKING GLASSES** In 2000, nearly 100,000 suckers got smashed by the business end of a glass.

16. **CARPETS** You thought rug burns killed? Carpets managed to hurt 122,249 folks in 2000.

17. **SOFAS** Food for thought for couch potatoes: The sofa was involved in 130,540 traumas in 2000.

18. **CANDLES** Be careful, Romeo. Ninety folks will flame out this year in candle-related fires.

19. **CAMERAS** Oh, snap! In 2001, more than 100 mental giants were injured by cameras.

20. **GARBAGE** Trash inexplicably injured more than 1,400 people in 2001. (And, yes, your mama *is* trash, but the pimp she shot ain't included.)

21. **DISHWASHERS** Some 7,000 people are injured every year by dishwashers. (We didn't count the time Juan beat you up at your summer job.)

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3 ...AT YOUR OFFICE!

1. YOUR JOB Your annual risk depends on where you work...One in 825 sailors will bite the dust, but only one in 200,000 teachers will expire on the job.

2. CIGARETTES Annually, 3,000 people die from secondhand smoke, 400,000 from smoking firsthand.

3. HEATING SYSTEMS The carbon monoxide released by your company's no-doubt ineffective heating system kills about 150 people every year.

4. THE FLU That sickly coworker's chronic snot-blowing claims 36,000 lives annually.

5. PENS Sixty-eight Mensa hopefuls are wounded by pens and pencils every calendar year.

6. VENDING MACHINES These tippy contraptions dispensed death to 547 people in 2001.

7. DERANGED COWORKERS Disgruntled employees caused about 17,000 injuries and 900 nasty cases of death in a six-year span. Go, Casualty Friday!

8. CHAIRS Comfy work chairs injure 3,000-plus ergonomically disinclined employees each fiscal year.

9. AIR CONDITIONERS These cause about eight fatal electrocutions annually, more than any other appliance. But that's cool.

10. TOILETS This one's a pisser: An average of 120 people are treated for dumper-related injuries daily.

11. BOXES Fragile! In 2001, boxes injured 81,308.

12. BAGS Deadly, predatory bags injured 17,459 people in 2001.

13. COAT RACKS That same year, 5,406 different people managed to hurt themselves on coat racks.

14. DESKS And 2,944 paper jockeys got hurt by their own desks—only some by falling off an intern.

15. COPY MACHINES They got revenge on your ass-copying colleagues, injuring 497 people in 2001.

16. COMPUTERS That same year, 1,241 people were hurt just pretending to work at their computers.

17. OFFICE SUPPLIES An amazing 1,353 dorks in 2001 hurt themselves with staples, 1,152 with scissors, and 40 with rulers. Rogue paper attacked 977.

18. CLOCKS Talk about killing time: Clocks couldn't keep their hands off us, injuring 74 people in 2001.

19. ELEVATORS That year, the number came up for 2,733 people rattling between floors.

20. EXPOSED WIRES Curiosity killed the jackass: In 2000, electric currents shocked 400 to death.

21. TELEPHONES At least 212 people rang their own bells at work with their phones in a single year and had to go to the hospital because of it.

22. CRUEL FATE Even if you stay in a closet today (just like the last 28 years), you have a one in 450,000 chance of dying. See you in hell!

Sources: American Ladder Institute; American Melanoma Foundation; Bird Strike Committee U.S.A.; Bureau of Justice Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Census Bureau's Statistical Abstract of the U.S.; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Children's Hospital Boston; Consumer Product Safety Commission; Department of Transportation; Federal Emergency Management Agency; National Fire Protection Association; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Doctors Killed George Washington, by Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo (Conari, 2002); I'm a Stranger Here Myself, by Bill Bryson (Broadway Books, 1999); 100 Most Dangerous Things in Everyday Life, by Laura Lee (Random House, 2004); Associated Press State and Local Wire; Boston Sunday Globe; Journal of American Medicine; The New York Times

FOR A GOOD TIME, CALL...

Cellular star Mircea Monroe: She's sexy, smart, and good with a machete. Now, where in the world did we leave her number...

BY LAURA GILBERT PHOTOGRAPHS WILLY CAMDEN

Doe-eyed goddess Mircea (pronounced mer-*say*-uh) Monroe has a work ethic—and a few other things—we admire. As a model she stripped naked and lay on a pile of junk food just for an artistic vision. . . more on that later. With such a work ethic, you can bet her first acting job isn't going to be any direct-to-video horror clunker. Her screen debut comes this month in the kidnapping mystery *Cellular,* alongside Oscar-caliber stars Kim Basinger and William H. Macy. But the one-time Virginia Commonwealth student is still such a down-to-earth girl that she had to hang up during our interview to get jumper cables out of her trunk for the friend she ran into at the grocery store. In short, she's perfect. So if you're ever in the fortunate position of sitting across a candlelit table from this budding starlet, *please* don't waste time with clichéd first-date questions that'll bore her. Instead, read our Mircea primer so you can spend the meal trying to get *her* to fall in love with *you.*

On her name:
"I was named after a religion professor at the University of Chicago. I get called Marcy, *Marr*-say-uh, everything. . . Anytime it's even close, I know it's me."

On jungle boogie:
"I was born in the United States but grew up in the South Pacific—on Fiji and in a village in the Solomon Islands. We had no TV or radio, so I'd make up shows with my brother and sister and the other kids. I thought using a machete to open coconuts was normal."

On *Cellular,* the movie:
"I play Jessica Biel's best friend, and it's her boyfriend who gets the phone call from Kim Basinger, who's been kidnapped. We had a lot of downtime, and I loved watching Kim Basinger and William H. Macy on the set. It was really exciting to be around that kind of talent and energy. It was a great group of people."

On cellular, the telephone:
"I can't stand it going off all the time. I don't really like cell phones that much. So I always have it set on vibrate."

On suffering for her art:
"I did a photo shoot where I was completely naked and covered only by Twinkies. The photographer had a 'vision,' and I was the guinea pig. It was fun, except that my legs got numb. I couldn't move, because I'd squash a Twinkie. Another modeling job was a guerrilla ▶

In *Cellular,* Mircea's character is caught in an anonymous-call kidnap drama

'When I was growing up, I thought using a machete to open coconuts was normal.'

'I did a photo shoot where I was completely naked and covered only by Twinkies.'

shoot. We'd shoot in places like city hall, where you're not supposed to be. It was hilarious. One minute you were calm and making love to the camera; the next you'd have to get up and run from the security guard. The chase was fun."

On the Hollywood diet:

"I love chocolate cake and definitely think it's important to have a steak."

On her grand adventures:

"I am always traveling as much as I can, and I love exploring. I was going to school in Richmond, Virginia, and then everything told me to come out to L.A. So I just packed up my car and drove off. One summer I went to the Dominican Republic to build homes. I've also lived in Japan, and I'd love to go back to the South Pacific. I'm shooting a movie in Prague next, and I hope to stay there for a while after we wrap. It's freakishly great to be able to act and travel. I can't believe they're paying me!"

On going to the movies:

"I love comedy—Will Ferrell cracks me up—but, of course, I enjoy different actresses for different reasons. I respect Meryl Streep, but I like that Cameron Diaz can make fun of herself. It just depends on what mood I'm in."

On printed matters:

"I enjoy reading. Some of my favorite books are *The Alchemist*, *The Power of Now*, and *The Four Agreements*. I read David Sedaris' *Me Talk Pretty One Day* for the first time last week. Fucking hilarious! And I just picked up an issue of *Maxim*. I loved the advice on how to dump a girl—sleep with her mother."

On dating in Los Assholes:

"You get what you put out. If you keep your standards high, you're fine, regardless of the city. I've met some amazing people here and some shitty ones too. There are plenty of people in L.A. trying to take advantage of you. My pet peeve is obnoxiously big muscles. I don't think they're necessary."

On chilling, Mircea style:

"My mind races, so I walk the body to relax. I do yoga. I love anything where I'm outside or on the water—rollerblading, hiking, anything like that is imperative. Exercising keeps me sane. I just took my first ballet lesson by accident. I went to take some class, but it was canceled, so I just stayed for the ballet. I went skateboarding for the first time, too. There are so many things I want to try!"

On getting by on her looks:

"People doubt you if you look a certain way, and it's fun to prove otherwise. I speak Spanish and Japanese. The other day I was at a Hispanic market. The guys were talking in Spanish about how much to overcharge me, so I spoke Spanish back to them. I don't like making people feel bad, but busting people is the best. I don't mind being underestimated, because from there you can only go up!" M

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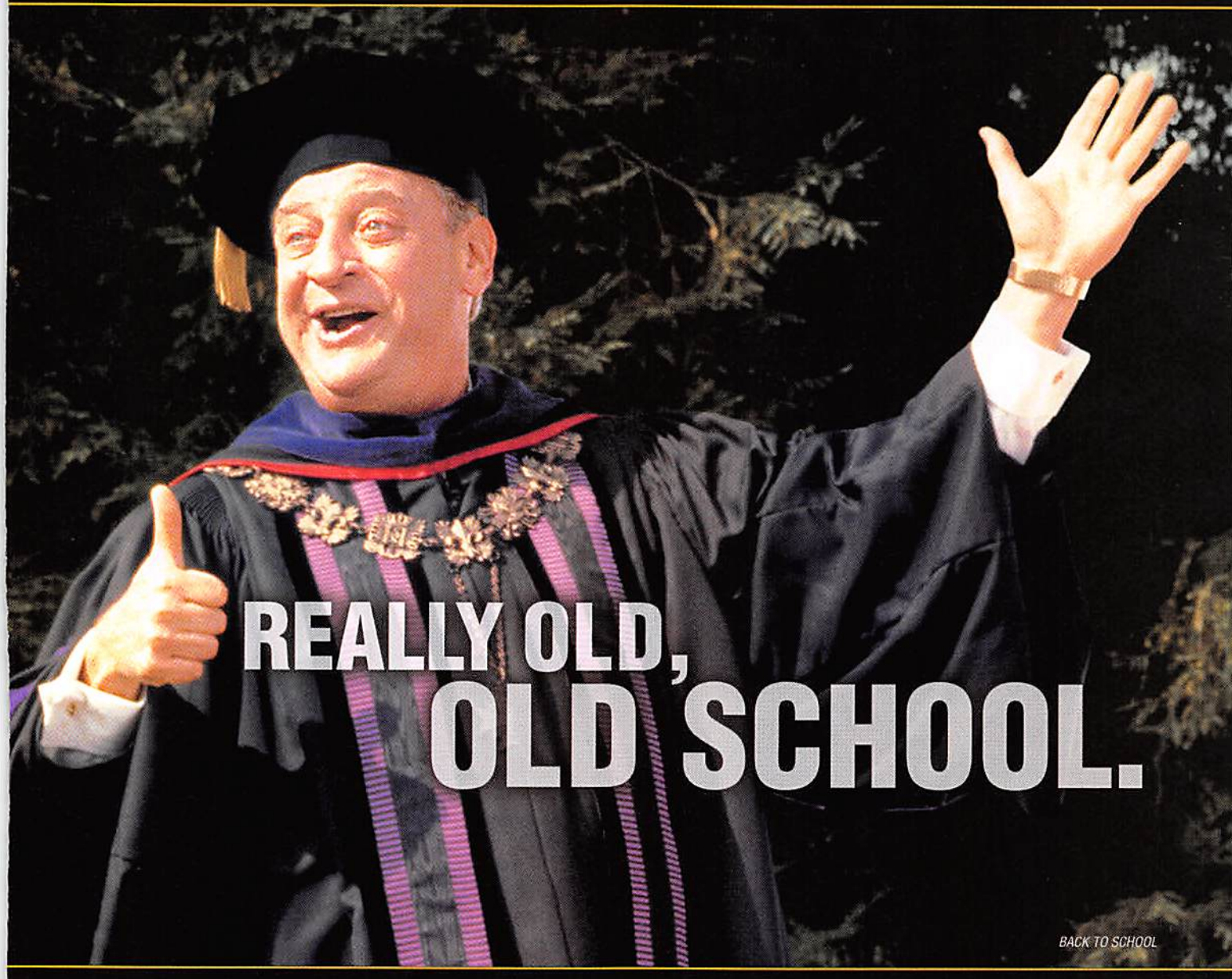

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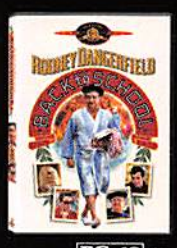

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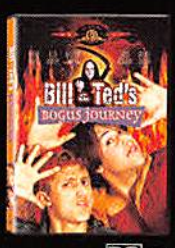

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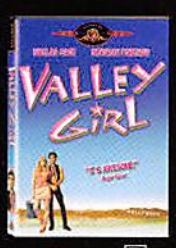

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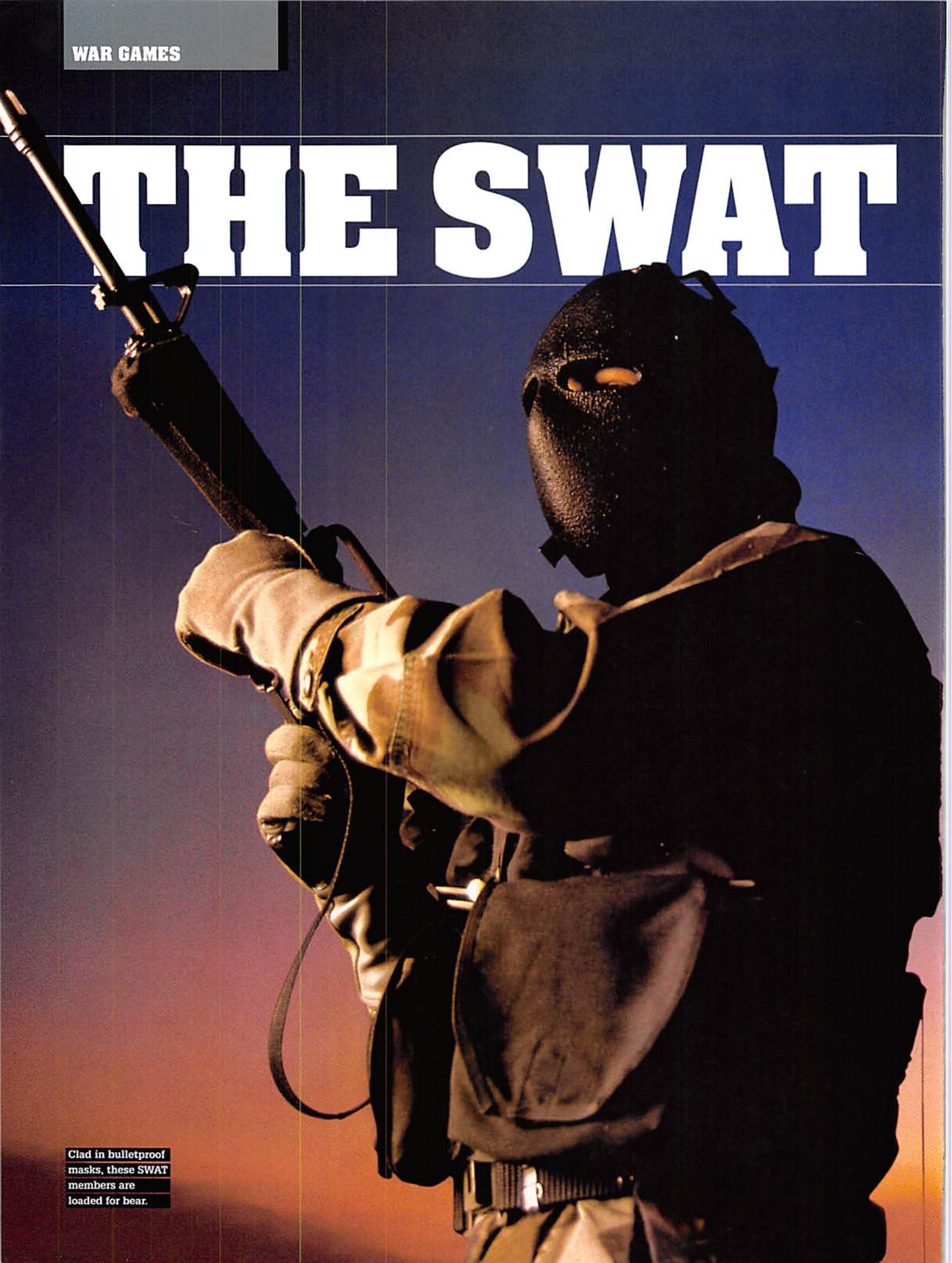

Clad in bulletproof masks, these SWAT members are loaded for bear.

OLYMPICS

North America's toughest, most heavily armed cops go head-to-head in live ammo games to see who's the ultimate badass. What's not to love?

"The last terrorist! In the last room! He shot me," Ahlij Al-Sa'ad says in a weighty Arabic accent. His brown eyes are soft, as if he were talking about a scene from a romantic movie. "The bullet splintered on my ring. Otherwise, the doctor said the finger would be gone!" The ring was a present from an ex. "Now," he says, "it's my souvenir from the fucking operation."

Al-Sa'ad is a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officer for King Abdullah II of Jordan and a member of Battalion 71, an elite unit mobilized to rescue hostages and kill terrorists. As he talks his bandaged left arm hangs in a makeshift sling. Beneath the nail on his ring finger, a shiny wire juts straight up, then disappears beneath the skin. The finger is black and lumpy. Cradled in white gauze, it looks like a hot dog left on the grill for an entire weekend.

The man who shot Al-Sa'ad was one of six Al Qaeda terrorists killed in a raid by the Jordanian Special Ops. "My partner shot him here," says Al-Sa'ad, tapping the center of his forehead. Next to Al-Sa'ad, a man in body armor agrees, then chomps a turkey leg. A pistol rests on the table in front of him, next to a dish of coleslaw.

We're listening to war stories under a circus-size tent at the Blackwater USA training facility in Moyock, North Carolina. On this side of the tent, guests can buy BBQ ribs for $8 a plate; on the other side, they can test-fire the latest semiautomatic weapons. Gathered beneath the canopy are 120 of North America's top SWAT officers and a dozen foreign Special Ops cops, including two stoic Germans, a pair of tight-lipped blond Finnish guys, and a gaggle of chubby Israelis, who keep warning the Americans that a second wave of suicide bombers is about to attack the U.S.

They've all traveled to North Carolina for the first World SWAT Challenge, a two-day competition where some of the most elite SWAT teams go head-to-head in events based on the kinds of scenarios that normally involve bloody headlines: sniping, shooting up cars, rappelling down mock office buildings, even storming a fake high school, all with live ammunition.

"These are the best teams in the U.S.," says Charles Cabaniss, of the Rock Hill, South Carolina SWAT team, as he warily eyes his competitors, including one from Sunnyvale, California (winners of the Best in the West SWAT competition) and one from San Antonio, which cleaned up at the Texas Tactical competition. "This championship brings on the same adrenaline rush as a real operation!"

The prizes are a meager $75,000 in equipment, divided among the three top teams, and some contestants have even paid their own ▶

BY JONATHAN FRANKLIN

Fayetteville clears the doorway to the house.

Washington, D.C. secures gas masks.

Teamwork in action on the sniper range.

Get down! The Rock Hill team enters the mock school building.

The Israelis warn the Americans of a wave of coming suicide attacks.

gas fare. But no matter: In a world desperately craving security, they're pioneering the world's newest niche sport, and the winners get to return to their communities with the distinction of being among the most elite units in the world.

THE NEW FACE OF SWAT

These are halcyon days for American SWAT teams. Since the first storied unit was formed in Los Angeles in 1967, never have so many teams been in operation. According to the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA), there are more than 1,500 active SWAT units in the United States; the NTOA alone lists 32,000 members. Even cities with populations as small as 50,000 now have SWAT teams, which are considered the crown jewels of any police force.

And it's not only manpower that's on the increase. "The amount of dollars being put into equipment and training is definitely on the increase," says Denny Hansen, editor of *S.W.A.T. Magazine*. Still, the SWAT mission has remained largely unchanged: to take out armed suspects using tactical hardware and techniques. But after 9/11, the possibility that those suspects might be highly trained Al Qaeda terrorists with weapons of mass destruction called for new tactics. Some SWAT teams are now training with former SEAL and Delta Force members, who, as private contractors, are opening up training facilities to share their expertise with law enforcement officials. Not since the end of the Civil War, when thousands of Union soldiers were deputized to enforce law in the South, have the roles of commando and constable been so closely entwined.

Each team is busy figuring out how to get a slice of the Department of Homeland Security's $2.2 billion budget for antiterrorism operations; last year 96 percent of budget requests were approved within four days.

"We've recently been approved for some pretty expensive equipment," says Cabaniss, whose Rock Hill team serves a town with a population of 54,000. "Like a $250,000 robot."

Given all the cash and new equipment floating around, the World SWAT Challenge is the natural showcase for America's new, ramped-up security forces. And what better place for it than Blackwater USA's 6,000-acre headquarters, America's top weapons and related security training facility? Twenty-five gun ranges and a racetrack for defensive-driving courses—oh, and a 14-acre lake—make it the ultimate vacation spot for war games.

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

"Great day for sniper shooting," says Terry Buchanan, training operations director at Blackwater, as he measures the wind (almost none) and the light (overcast, meaning little reflective glare) for the Leupold Sniper Surprise—the first of eight events. On the shooting range, men are setting up targets when a shot rings out. Someone has fired a weapon prematurely, with men downrange.

"What the hell?" screams Jack O'Connor, the creator of the Challenge. A feisty former Army ranger and Vietnam combat vet, he scans the field to see if anybody is down. A combat medic rushes to grab his kit, including pouches of QuickClot—small bags of volcanic gravel that can be poured directly into an open gunshot wound to stop the bleeding immediately.

"It may sound strange," a visiting soldier from Fort Bragg comments breezily, "but you know what works best to stop the bleeding? A tampon."

It turns out nobody is hurt, and O'Connor quickly locates the shooter: a member of the Charleston, South Carolina SWAT team. He is immediately disqualified from the event, his team shamed. O'Connor returns to overseeing preparations, which haven't gone smoothly: Six foreign teams, including Germany and Poland, dropped out at the last minute due to security threats abroad. Of the 12 teams actually slated to compete, the only foreign team is from Canada.

Minutes later a whistle launches the competition, and two black-and-white patrol cars packed with cops—one from Rock Hill, one from Washington, D.C.—start racing along parallel courses, then stop abruptly. The doors burst open, and the drivers pop 9 mm pistol rounds into skull-size metal targets, otherwise known as "head plates." Rock Hill quickly takes the lead, hitting all the plates, while their sniper, Kyle Quinn, scales a nearby rooftop and scouts for the target.

The rules here are no lasers, no expensive toys, just iron sights and the calm hand of a professional. The target Quinn must hit is 250 yards away, and it's the size of a cigarette lighter.

"Breathe, breathe, breathe!" Quinn's team- ▶

* Some names of SWAT team members have been changed to protect their safety.

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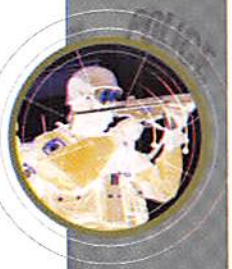
Rock Hill SWAT on the sniper range (top left); Washington carries a "hostage" from the shoot house (bottom left); a member of Rock Hill (above); the Canadian team on the rappelling tower (right).



'The guys who shot me were not great shots. They got lucky.'

mates yell. To make the shot, Quinn has to relax and time it just right, between heartbeats...

Kaboom!

He nails the target, freeing his team to exit the cars and climb through an obstacle course, which takes them over a six-foot wall and into position for the next round of targets—human silhouettes. Rock Hill hustle back over the wall and into the patrol car with a great time, but take massive penalties for having missed shots. The upside? Their sniper scored a perfect 10, and they beat the D.C. team.

"How good is Quinn?" Captain Cabaniss says later. "We tell him which eye to shoot on the target—left or right. He is that good!"

But San Antonio is good, too. Before taking the field, they huddle together and have a moment of silence for John Anthony "Rocky" Riojas, a team member who was killed in 2001 when a suspect wrestled his weapon away from him and shot him in the head. Nearly every member of the San Antonio team has Rocky's badge number tattooed on his body. When San Antonio hits the course, they beam all their targets and win the Sniper Surprise. They enter the next event—which involves raiding a house and rescuing a dummy hostage—on a roll.

With each man wearing 35 pounds of gear, including Kevlar helmets, gas masks, and body armor, they rush toward a single-story wooden house from behind a truck. An officer crashes a battering ram through the front door. Team leader Joe Obregon tosses a "flash bang" grenade, and it explodes with a deafening roar and a cloud of white smoke. He enters, and they all rush in behind him, following his every move, then firing short bursts into three targets, each in a different corner. Obregon quickly spots the "hostage"—a 165-pound dummy—on a dirty couch. Together they lift the dummy and run for the door.

The entire rescue takes 71 seconds. San Antonio wins again and goes on to sweep the day's last two events.

WAR STORIES

After the first day of live fire rivalry, a stream of minivans pulls up to the Doubletree Hotel in Virginia Beach. The weary SWAT officers get out, unloading stacks of guitar-size black cases, each containing a customized submachine gun, a sniper rifle, or pistol sets cushioned in foam. It almost looks like a musicians' convention. For the weekend at least, the Doubletree Hotel will be the safest building in America.

Minutes later the teams begin gathering near the beer tap at the hotel bar, where they trade tales of shootouts, equipment malfunctions, and jive talk.

"Snipers are so anal," sniffs Jason Dalton of Rock Hill as he sips a drink. Dalton is an entry man, putting him amid the guys who, bunched up like a rugby scrum, breach a building entrance—be it a door, a window, or a garage. Entry men savor the adrenaline rush, while snipers revel in recording the details of every shot, like humidity and wind speed, which separate a respectable "one shot, one kill" outcome from the embarrassing mess of a two-round kill.

Two guys at the bar sport fresh bullet wounds from real-world combat operations; every few rounds they duck out to change bandages or pop painkillers.

"The guys who shot me weren't great shots; they were shooting through a wall, and they got lucky," says Kem Braden of the Fayetteville, North Carolina team, pointing out wounds in his arm and hip. While raiding a house, Braden went in through the kitchen. With no suspects in sight, he continued to clear the house and was sweeping through the living room when a barrage of bullets popped through one of the walls. ▶

"Nice try, smartass."

SWATSHOTS

SWAT's greatest hits—number one with a bullet!

DECEMBER 8, 1969, LOS ANGELES, CA

Armed with search warrants, 40 members of L.A.'s newly formed SWAT unit visited the Black Panther HQ. A firefight ensued. Eventually, the Panthers surrendered to SWAT's superior tactics and firepower.

APRIL 4, 1991, SACRAMENTO, CA

In one of America's worst hostage crises, four gang members stormed a Sacramento electronics store and held 41 people at gunpoint. Enter SWAT. Three perps were killed. All but three of the hostages survived.

AUGUST 16, 1993, COLUMBUS, OH

Douglas J. Conley sat down in the middle of a busy intersection and threatened to blow his brains out. With local news watching, a SWAT sniper (above) fired a single round into Conley's gun, rendering it inoperable.

JULY 31, 1997, BROOKLYN, NY

Palestinian Ghazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer was intent on blowing up the Atlantic Avenue subway station. He didn't bank on the NYPD Emergency Services Unit hitting his lair, arresting him, and foiling his plan.

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Braden took five rounds. "I fell to the ground, pulled my knees up to protect vital organs, and fired on target—back through the wall," he says.

"I saw bullets bouncing off his vest," continues Ronald Campbell, Braden's teammate. "One knocked him off his feet. I kept going. I could see out of the corner of my eye that he was down."

Five minutes passed before Campbell noticed that he too was wounded—a shot to his thigh. "When you are in that high-stress situation, all the blood goes to your eyes. You don't even hear the rounds going off," he says.

A few seats to the left, the Special Forces soldier from Fort Bragg seems to be reliving his own battle.

"The most dangerous are the Chechans—they are ferocious," he says to no one in particular. "They keep coming. You shoot them, in the head, again and again. They keep coming..." The mood in the room becomes somber. An older vet gives him a quick look and mutters, "Probably seen too much, killed too many."

A SWAT-AGE INDUSTRY

KILL THEM ALL, LET ALLAH SORT 'EM OUT. The words are stretched tight on a T-shirt across the broad back of Steven Bronson, a 6'3", 250-pound ex-Navy fast boat operator who's decorated with tattoos. He's the owner of a small business called Tactical Watreborne Operations, and the T-shirt is just one of the many accessories available at the kiosk he's set up at the Challenge. His slogan, A FINELY HONED EDGE CUTS MORE SHARPLY & DEEPLY, is printed everywhere.

Bronson is one of several dozen vendors capitalizing on the growing market for specialty weapons and gear. The vendors here are giddy. Business is booming, and though no one will give out firm figures, many of the reps say their sales have at least doubled in the past two years. In addition to the expected assortment of custom-grip machine guns and automatic pistols, the vendors showcase their latest inventions. At Tom Cole's kiosk, visitors can ogle the "ultimate breaching weapon"—a 12-gauge machine gun with "hinge buster" rounds that disintegrate metal. It looks like a perfect weapon for the Terminator.

To illustrate the power of the gun, Cole fires off 1,800 rounds as a large crowd of SWAT men watch in awe. It sounds as if an entire neighborhood is under assault.

"There is not a mayor in the U.S. who would authorize his SWAT team to have a weapon like that," says O'Connor. "A machine gun? On civilians?"

AND THE WINNER IS...

By the time the final two events get under way—a rescue mission in a Zodiac boat followed by rappelling down a three-story building—there's not much suspense as to who will win the Challenge. After taking four of the first six events, San Antonio seems like a shoo-in, with the Dallas team running second. For the Zodiac rescue, teams have to paddle across Blackwater's pond, dock in a cove, then charge over a hill in a weighted-down cross-country run. On the other side of the rise is a "shoot house," where units must storm in, hit all their targets, and pick up a dummy hostage. The clock stops only after they've carried the hostage back to the Zodiac and across the pond.

So far the only foreign team—the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from Ottawa—are showing just how new they are to this style of competition. Their team is responsible for protecting Canadian government buildings and politicians, who would probably sleep better not knowing

▶ "I love a parade!" Charleston SWAT during the rappelling event.

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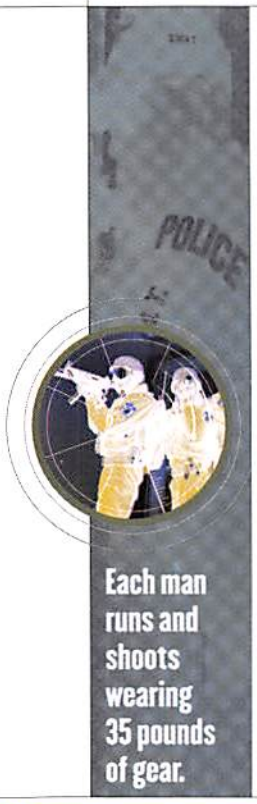
Row, row, row your boat: Sunnyvale paddles the lake (left); the victorious San Antonio team with their trophy (above).



Each man runs and shoots wearing 35 pounds of gear.

that the Mounties have placed in the bottom half in almost every event. But as the Canucks jump into the Zodiac and head for the far shore, the crowd starts to cheer.

The Mounties stroke in unison and quickly cross the pond, crest the hill, and disappear into the house. Their shots sound off in a fast burst, and seconds later they are sprinting with the dummy back to the boat. They glide across the pond as fast they came—and kick San Antonio's ass. The Canucks take second, defeating all but Dallas.

San Antonio reasserts its dominance in the rappelling event. A whistle blows, and Leo Gonzalez practically dives down the side of the building. He slams into a spongy pile of shredded tires, tosses his gloves to the ground, unclips, and heads to a pistol station with his Glock. Six shots, six clangs. Every bullet hits its mark. He sprints to some monkey bars, swings across, then scoots another 25 yards and dives into the gravel, where a Bushmaster carbine rifle awaits. With a single blast at the human-shaped silhouette downrange, Gonzalez continues San Antonio's nearly perfect shooting, then grabs a rope and drags a 175-pound log through 30 yards of gravel before nailing his final shot—through a window and into the target.

As Gonzalez sprints back toward the finish line, the crowd goes wild. There's only a field, a stand full of fans, and a solitary running man. We could be at a football game, if not for the full body armor. It's easy to forget we're watching an event based on everybody's worst day—that if the scenario were real, there would almost certainly be casualties. For Gonzalez this is as much a training exercise as a competition. In real life he'd be dragging a body instead of a log and running even faster…as people shot at him.

When San Antonio wins, the Texans huddle and share a moment of silence, reminding the crowd that, at the end of the day, their business is anything but a game.

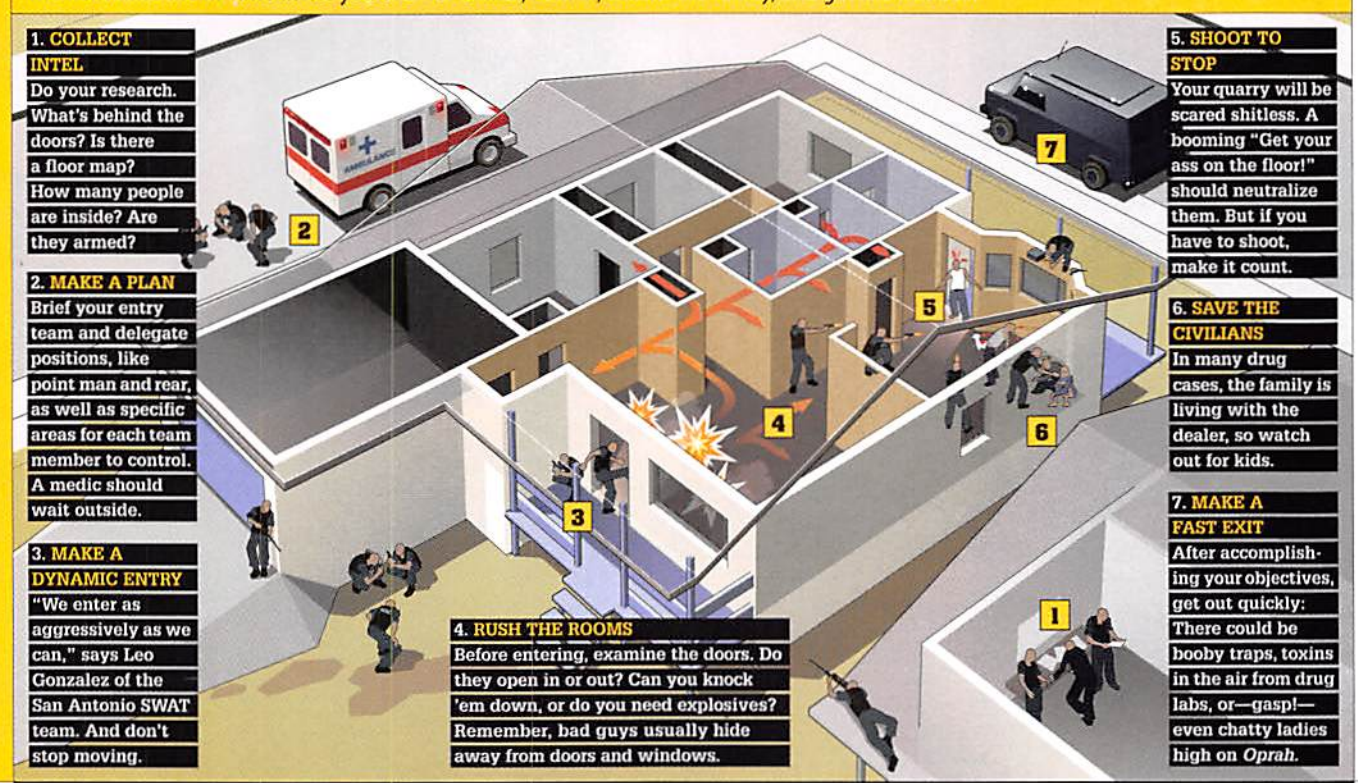
"For Rocky," Gonzalez says as they remember and pay tribute to their fallen comrade. M

THE MAXIM LOUNGE: Want to try your hand at the SWAT Olympics? Kuma\War has created a video game just for *Maxim* readers at **maximonline.com**. Lotsa luck!

HOW TO

STORM A BUILDING

The next time the in-laws invite you over for dinner, rush in, secure the turkey, and get the hell out.



1. COLLECT INTEL
Do your research. What's behind the doors? Is there a floor map? How many people are inside? Are they armed?

2. MAKE A PLAN
Brief your entry team and delegate positions, like point man and rear, as well as specific areas for each team member to control. A medic should wait outside.

3. MAKE A DYNAMIC ENTRY
"We enter as aggressively as we can," says Leo Gonzalez of the San Antonio SWAT team. And don't stop moving.

4. RUSH THE ROOMS
Before entering, examine the doors. Do they open in or out? Can you knock 'em down, or do you need explosives? Remember, bad guys usually hide away from doors and windows.

5. SHOOT TO STOP
Your quarry will be scared shitless. A booming "Get your ass on the floor!" should neutralize them. But if you have to shoot, make it count.

6. SAVE THE CIVILIANS
In many drug cases, the family is living with the dealer, so watch out for kids.

7. MAKE A FAST EXIT
After accomplishing your objectives, get out quickly: There could be booby traps, toxins in the air from drug labs, or—gasp!—even chatty ladies high on *Oprah*.

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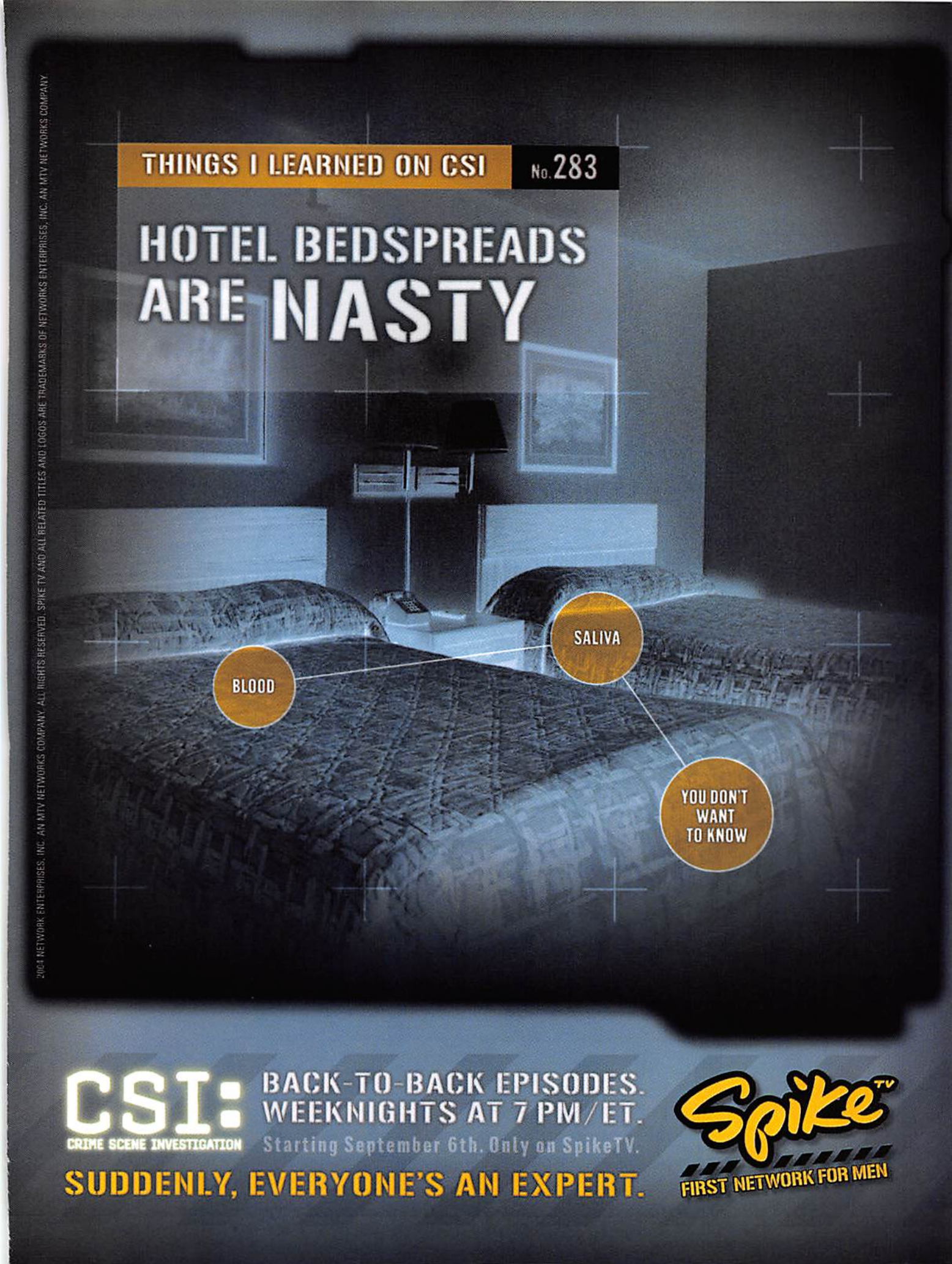
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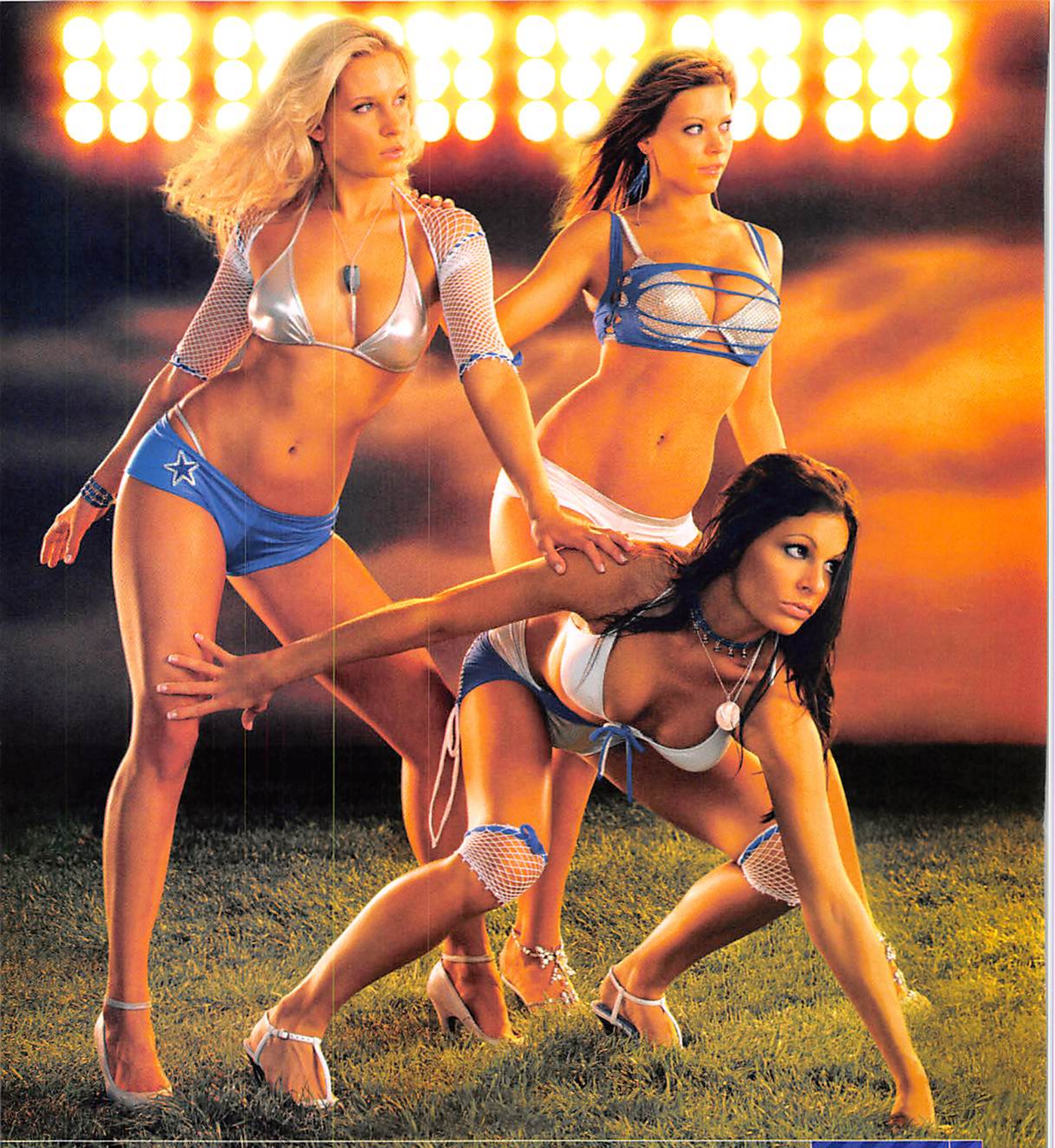

GAME ON!

Our NFL preview takes you inside the game, up close with the girls. . . and way over the line.

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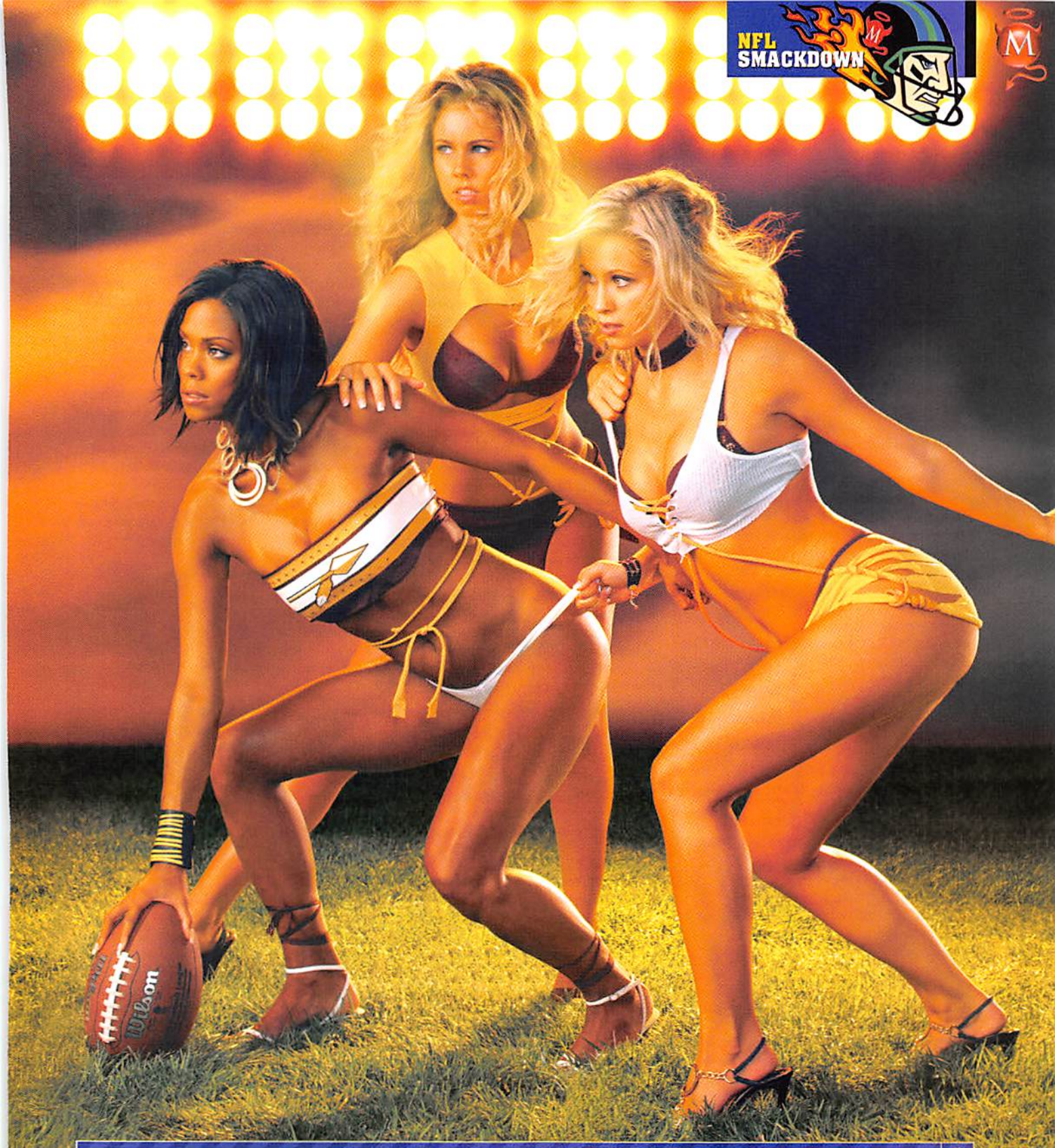


SARA, CRYSTAL, AND JENNIFER VS. JAMILLA, CHRISTY, AND JENNIFER

COWBOYS & INDIANS

The NFL's bloodiest rivalry is back. And the Dallas and Washington cheerleaders are ready to rumble. 36-24-36-fight!

Crossfire: "I hate the Cowboys!" says Christy (right, center), 19 years old and already a veteran Redskins cheerleader. "They make me sick." But the world-famous Cowboys are not backing down. "We're just better," explains Crystal (left, center), a 20-year-old Texan. "We work harder than any cheerleading squad in the world. And it obviously shows."

Troop support: The two squads—whose teams will renew their legendary rivalry September 27 on Monday Night Football—are now taking their battles across the globe. This year alone, the Redskins entertained servicemen—an honor traditionally reserved for the Cowboys—in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Dubai, Bahrain, the Balkans, Italy, and Africa. "It's just incredible how appreciative the soldiers are," says Jennifer. "It's like we're bringing a little bit of home back to them."

BY ALEX STRAUS PHOTOGRAPHS BY DOMINICK GUILLEMOT

DIANE GOES ONE-ON-ONE

MARCELLUS WILEY

You left San Diego on bad terms. How's Dallas?
Man, football comes second to God in Texas—I love it. I'm expecting to win it all this year.

Your old teammate LaDainian Tomlinson told us he's pissed that you openly criticized QB Drew Brees last year. Any message for him?
Things needed to be said—so I said 'em. A lot of the guys felt the way I did but were scared to death of Marty Schottenheimer. I'm glad to be out of San Diego.

You talk a big game, but what player has taken your biggest hit?
I once caught Keyshawn nice. He was on the sidelines saying, "Damn, dog, let me live." But I put pain in a lot of guys' worlds.

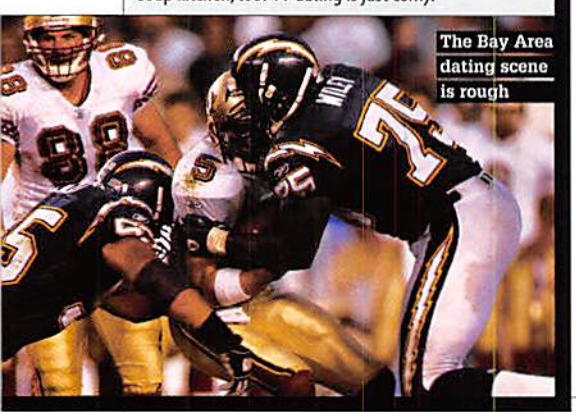
Ronnie Lott says he took as much punishment as his victims. Is that true?
Yeah. You try to look strong, but sometimes after a big hit you have to line up and you're still a mess for the next play.

I won't lie. When Eli Manning refused to play in San Diego, I was ecstatic.

You grew up in Compton and graduated from Columbia University. Was there culture shock?
I've gone from the 'hood to the Ivy League and all the way to the NFL. Let's just say I've seen people dance to the same song a lot of different ways.

In college you played RB. Do you miss it?
Are you kidding? I was a beast running at Columbia—a monster. I just got too big, and then I got too slow.

Jesse Palmer on *The Bachelor*—your thoughts?
It's like Bill Gates going to a homeless dinner: You've got everything, and now you're going to take from this soup kitchen, too? TV dating is just corny.


The Bay Area dating scene is rough

NFC EAST

Two of history's best coaches battle. Can an "overrated" QB head 'em off with the pass?

EAGLES

'03 skinny: Nobody did more for the Eagles last year than Rush Limbaugh. After insulting QB Donovan McNabb, 0-2 Philly went 12-2 the rest of the way. But only a miracle fourth-and-26 saved them against Green Bay, and McNabb's WRs couldn't catch the clap against Carolina.
New blood: Say hello to WR Terrell "Sharpie" Owens and DE Jevon "the Freak" Kearse. Tackle Shawn Andrews was a great move, but letting CBs Bobby Taylor and Troy Vincent go wasn't.
Summer school grade: B-
Playoffs? Super Bowl? The Swami (p.182) has Philly getting jackknifed in Jacksonville, but we don't see another fourth-and-26 in this year's game plan.

COWBOYS

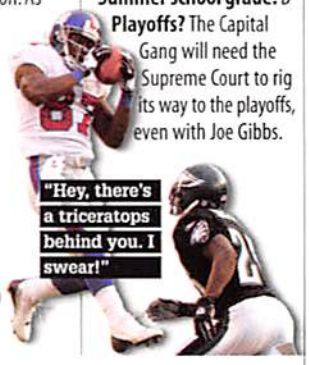
'03 skinny: The Tuna looked beached when he prefaced comments about sneaky "Jap plays" by saying, "No disrespect to the Orientals..." But even the dumbest fish in the sea looked like a genius after turning the 5-11 Cowboys into a 10-6 playoff team.
New blood: Out with the old, in with the older. The Boys' biggest moves were bringing back former Jets WR Keyshawn Johnson and 40-year-old QB Vinny Testaverde. Rookie RB Julius Jones and free agent DE Marcellus Wiley will flourish under Parcells.
Summer school grade: C
Playoffs? There's an old Oriental expression: Fat jerk with soft schedule always make playoff.

GIANTS

'03 skinny: Mutiny in the Meadowlands! Coach Jim Fassel lost his 4-12 team faster than Lindsay Lohan lost her training bra.
New blood: Fassel is out, and Tom "Ball Buster" Coughlin is in. New York also got some new guy named Manning and OL Chris Snee, the father of Coughlin's grandson. As any good general knows: You keep your friends close and the guy who knocked up your daughter closer.
Summer school grade: C+
Playoffs? Taking Manning was a no-brainer. So is a January vacation for the G-men.

REDSKINS

'03 skinny: The Skins went 5-11 thanks to a disappointing defense and an offensive line that looked like they were on the take.
New blood: Once again big-spending owner Daniel Snyder has proved himself an idiot. But S Sean Taylor floats like a cornerback and stings like a linebacker.
Summer school grade: B
Playoffs? The Capital Gang will need the Supreme Court to rig its way to the playoffs, even with Joe Gibbs.


"Hey, there's a triceratops behind you. I swear!"

NFC WEST

Vegas wants you to think the Super Bowl goes through the NFC West. Wanna bet?

SEAHAWKS

'03 skinny: Pro Bowl QB Matt Hasselbeck saved his coach's ass with victories in 13 of the Seahawks' last 19 regular-season games. Then came the playoffs...
New blood: Losing DTs Norman Hand and lunatic John Randle is more bad than adding 324-pound rookie DT Marcus Tubbs and CB Bobby Taylor from the Eagles is good. Got it?
Summer school grade: C-
Playoffs? If Shaun Alexander is one of the NFL's most productive RBs, why is he still in Holmgren's doghouse? Winning this sorry division is a near lock, but we don't buy the Vegas Super Bowl hype (15-1). In fact, we bet they keep their streak going: zero playoff wins in 20 years.

RAMS

'03 skinny: Marc Bulger was the season's hottest QB, and the Rams went 12-4. Then coach Mike Martz screwed the playoff pooch: After settling for the tying field goal in regulation, they lost in double overtime to the Panthers.
New blood: Martz made a controversial draft pick (what's new?), grabbing RB Steven Jackson. Apart from that the Rams did next to nothing this off-season.
Summer school grade: F+
Playoffs? The Greatest Show on Turf is slowing down, but Sin City still puts them at 7-1 to win it all in Jacksonville. That's a sucker bet.

49ERS

'03 skinny: Great offense, good defense: 7-9. Coach?
New blood: Idiotic salary-cap management gutted their roster: QB Jeff Garcia, WR Terrell Owens, OT Derrick Deese, RB Garrison Hearst, OG Ron Stone, TE Jed Weaver, and DE Sean Moran are all gone. Enter WR Rashaun Woods, who caught seven TDs in a college game. This ain't college.
Summer school grade: D+
Playoffs? No way. Impossible. Beating the Cardinals to the division basement? Now that could happen.

CARDINALS

'03 skinny: Everyone loved Dave McGinnis, but how many more 4-12 seasons was owner Bill Bidwill supposed to take?
New blood: Now Dennis Green has total control, and he immediately turned heads in February by backing third-year QB Josh McCown. WR Larry Fitzgerald, 6'3" and 225 pounds, will be an instant star.
Summer school grade: A-
Playoffs? The perennially pathetic Cards, who gave up 452 points in '03 and scored just 14 a game, will not make the playoffs this year or *any* year unless they start playing defense. They are an optimistic 100-1 to win it all. So is Ralph Nader.

"Smell that?"

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GO, REDSKINS!

CHRISTY

If QBs looked like this, we'd all be rushing the passer.

Sophomore sphinx: Christy holds the enviable distinction of being the only girl to make both our 2003 and 2004 NFL Cheerleader All-Star Teams. (You may remember her as the football-obsessed hottie who rushed to her calendar shoot straight from her high school prom.)

Say what? "Last year I told you guys that I had vanity license plates that say SMOOT," Christy says, referring to Washington DB Fred Smoot. "Well, after the magazine came out, Smooty comes up to me and says, 'So, I hear you have my name on your license plates. I guess that means it's my car.' He was only joking, of course, but I freaked out."

Politically correct: "Cheerleaders used to be all covered up," Christy muses while ripping her makeshift skirt in half. "Now we work hard to be sexy. That's my job, and I try to be the best."

DIANE GOES ONE-ON-ONE

LADAINIAN TOMLINSON

Your Chargers went 4-12 last year. What's up?
Where do I start? We started 0-5 and just never got it back. Plus, we had a lot of communication problems. There was just so much friction in our locker room.

Mmm...friction. Did Marcellus Wiley's complaints about the QB to the press help?
No. You always keep it in the house. I don't think it should ever go public, especially with a position like quarterback. When Wiley started talking about Drew [Brees], it hurt the team. Any little thing like that can throw off the quarterback. Once a QB starts thinking, *The guys don't want me*, it's over.

What do you think about Eli Manning refusing to play for the Chargers?
It's insulting. And mark my words, it's going to come back on him. You start thinking about a guy like Pat Tillman, who turned down millions to go fight for his country. Then you think about Eli crying about where he wants to play football, and it just puts everything into perspective.

Maurice Clarett is not physically ready to play in this league.

Which NFL team do you most look forward to playing against?
The Raiders. Napoleon Harris talks so much trash. I played against him in college, and he's always like, "It's gonna be just like college, LT." That's funny, because in college I killed their defense. So I'm like, "Yeah, you're right! It *is* gonna be just like college!"

Kobe Bryant and Jayson Williams are both throwing a party: Which would you go to?
Well, I wouldn't want to party with Jayson, because he shoots people. *[laughs]*

"What smells like ass?"

NFC NORTH

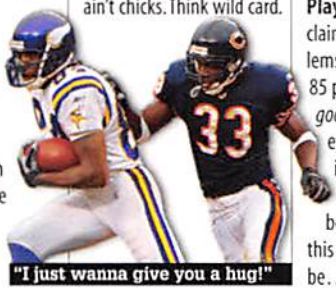
Lions, Vikings, and Bears...oh, my! But beware: Packers love to come from behind.

PACKERS

'03 skinny: The 10-6 Packers—led by RB Ahman Green, not QB Brett Favre—snuck into the playoffs when the Vikings collapsed, then died at the hands of the Eagles' unbelievable fourth-and-26.
New blood: The Packers drafted a pair of CBs in Ahmad Carroll and Joey Thomas, then baffled the room by trading up to get punter B.J. Sander. Maybe they just like B.J.s.
Summer school grade: F+
Playoffs? With 11 offensive starters returning, the offense will get 'em 10 wins. But can the defense get a win in the playoffs? Survey says: X.

LIONS

'03 skinny: Steve Mariucci's first year (5-11) stunk.
New blood: But the Lions' 2004 draft class is sick. WR Roy Williams is 6'3" with a 39-inch vertical and 4.3 speed. RB Kevin Jones could be the next Barry Sanders. And LB Teddy Lehman, the Butkus Award winner, was a steal in the second round.
Summer school grade: A+
Playoffs? Chicks dig QB Joey Harrington...but we ain't chicks. Think wild card.


"I just wanna give you a hug!"

VIKINGS

'03 skinny: The Vikings let a 6-0 start fall away faster than Michael Jackson's pants at a Cub Scout meeting, finishing 9-7 and out of the playoffs. Bottom line: great O, 23rd-ranked D.
New blood: One of the year's best drafts, including pass rusher Kenechi Udeze and LB Dontarrious Thomas, plus free agent WR Marcus Robinson.
Summer school grade: A
Playoffs? Randy Moss claims last year's foot problems will leave him at just 85 percent. Why is that *good* news? Because everything this guy says is bullshit. Anything less than the league's best offense winning this lame division would be...very Minnesota.

BEARS

'03 skinny: Going from 4-12 to 7-9 is nothing to sneeze at. Unless you're GM Jerry Angelo, who snorted a line of pepper before firing head coach Dick Jauron.
New blood: Defensive head coach Lovie Smith is the new Papa Bear. His first move was drafting DT Tommie Harris: good. Then he lost QB Kordell Stewart, QB Chris Chandler, and WR Dez White: great. Next up was the signing of OL John Tait and eight-time Pro Bowl OL Ruben Brown: Rut-ro! Tait is overpaid and Brown is over the hill.
Summer school grade: C+
Playoffs? Brian Urlacher (0 INTs, 0 forced fumbles, and 2.5 sacks in '03—all career lows) will need to dominate. He won't.

NFC SOUTH

Can the Super Bowl chumps get over the hump? Or will Vick vaporize the South?

BUCCANEERS

'03 skinny: The running game was nonexistent, Brad Johnson consistently threw it to the wrong team, and the pass defense was more generous than Wilt Chamberlain on Father's Day.
New blood: Dumping Warren Sapp, John Lynch, and Keyshawn Johnson destroyed their identity. But their identity was 7-9. Drafting WR Michael Clayton and signing OLs Todd Steussie, Matt Stinchcomb, Matt O'Dwyer, and Derrick Deese will help.
Summer school grade: C+
Playoffs? We see 'em going 6-10. But for the record, we also see Danielle (p.178) blowing us kisses every time we're alone in a dark room.

PANTHERS

'03 skinny: John Fox took a team with one win in 2001 to the Super Bowl in just his second year.
New blood: But Super Bowl teams always get raped by free agency. Carolina lost OLs Todd Steussie, Kevin Donnalley, and Jeno James, but brought in the solid Adam Meadows.
Summers school grade: C-
Playoffs? Yes. In a season-long "fuck you" to the Redskins, Stephen Davis ran up 1,444 yards, which he should improve upon this year. And Steve Smith (88 catches, 1,110 yards, 7 TDs) makes huge plays. But another Super Bowl for a team that didn't improve in the off-season is a pipe dream. Toke it up, boys!

FALCONS

'03 skinny: Started ugly (2-10) but finished hot (3-1 after QB Michael Vick's return)—not unlike your mom after 17 beers.
New blood: Enter Jim Mora and Vick's new best friend: the West Coast offense. WRs Michael Jenkins and Dez White, Deion-fast CB DeAngelo Hall, and RB Quincy Wilson will also help.
Summer school grade: A
Playoffs? We say yes. The Swami says no. We win.

"Talk to the stick-um."

SAINTS

'03 skinny: The Saints rebounded from a 1-4 start to creep into playoff contention, then blew it all in a Stanford-Cal run-over-the-band finish that went horribly wrong. With no time left on the clock, their lateral-laden kickoff return for a touchdown in Week 16 was arguably the most incredible play of all time. That K John Carney promptly missed the game-tying extra point was fucking hilarious.
New blood: The Saints replaced Coach Jim Haslett with...wait a second, they didn't fire Haslett?
Summer school grade: F-
Playoffs? Crack? Consistently inconsistent QB Aaron Brooks is a coach killer. Heads up, Jim. ▶

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DEFENSE

SS: #37 RODNEY HARRISON Patriots
Titans TE Shad Meier calls him a "trained killer." Harrison doesn't argue: "Football is controlled violence. I can go rip somebody's head off. It's fun."

S: #47 JOHN LYNCH Broncos
Voted Most Likely to Knock the Snot out of You by every team in the NFL. "Anyone can hit a guy," Lynch explains. "Great hitters hit through people."

DB: #31 ROY WILLIAMS Cowboys
"I'm not trying to hurt people," insists the fiancé of Kelly Rowland of Destiny's Child. But he does. And that's good enough for us.

DB: #24 TY LAW Patriots
"Every offseason, I rent a little place in St. Louis to train," says the NFL's best CB. "I can't let myself enjoy the fruits of my labor—I gotta get hungry."

LB: #52 RAY LEWIS Ravens
In the history of the NFL, only Lawrence Taylor and Dick Butkus can be mentioned in the same sentence as Lewis. If you see him on the street . . . run!

LB: #56 LAVAR ARRINGTON Redskins
This three-time Pro Bowler talks shit first, apologizes never. "I was disturbed," he's told his team. "I don't like to see a fight break out when I'm not involved."

LB: #54 TEDY BRUSCHI Patriots
"Tedy Bruschi is like a blind dog in a meat house," says Patriots LB Ted Johnson. "You can't stop him." Plus, he's named after beer.

DL: #75 MARCELLUS WILEY Cowboys
"I throw up every day I play football. And I try to throw up around the guys. Never in the bathroom. That's weak."

DL: #93 ADEWALE OGUNLEYE Dolphins
His grandpa was a Nigerian king with 12 wives. "In divorce cases," Ogunleye says, "he'd say, 'You aren't with your husband anymore? You are with me.'"

DL: #77 KRIS JENKINS Panthers
Not many human beings can bench 500 pounds, squat 700, and dunk a basketball. But only one was voted best defensive tackle by NFL GMs.

DL: #77 SIMEON RICE Buccaneers
Don't judge a man by his friends; judge him by his enemies. With 30 sacks in two years and an NFL record two in five straight games, Rice is loathed.

K: #13 MIKE VANDERJAGT Colts
Vanderjagt made himself a football player by publicly humiliating his star QB and coach, then backing it up by nailing 37 of 37 field goals in 2003.

QB: #7 MICHAEL VICK Falcons
The human highlight reel is back! At 22, he set three NFL records, then returned from a broken ankle to lead a 2-10 team to a 3-1 finish in '03. Watch out!

RB: #21 LADAINIAN TOMLINSON Chargers
The first player in NFL history to rush for 1,000 yards and catch 100 passes in a season. At 25, LT is "one of the best athletes in sports," says his coach.

FB: #38 MACK STRONG Seahawks
His name says it all. Over the past 11 years, this human wrecking ball has launched himself into violent head-on collisions an estimated 2,250 times.

WR: #81 TORRY HOLT Rams
"Come see me in a few years," says Holt, whose 117 catches and 1,696 yards led the NFL. "Maybe then I can say I'm the best WR." We'll say it now.

WR: #84 RANDY MOSS Vikings
No one has caught more passes (525) for more yards (8,375) in his first six years. Maybe when you really are the shit, it's easy to look like an asshole.

TE: #11 KELLEN WINSLOW Browns
Every team needs a rookie, and we hope the veterans make this cocky son of a Hall of Famer carry every bag and wash every jockstrap for 16 games.

C: #78 MATT BIRK Vikings
This Harvard grad was offered big money by Prudential Securities to skip the NFL. Three Pro Bowls later, every DL wishes he'd taken it.

OL: #66 ALAN FANECA Steelers
Some guys hit hard. Faneca hits loud. "When he hits a linebacker," says Tommy Maddux, "there's that pop that everyone on the field hears."

OL: #62 MARCO RIVERA Packers
Despite tearing his MCL three times, breaking his hand, and bleeding out of his right eye after getting jabbed in Week 4, he's started 83 straight games.

OL: #77 WILLIE ROAF Chiefs
Making the Pro Bowl is an honor. Making nine is a dynasty. If he ever retires, he'll do it as the best of all time. And NFL defenses will throw the party.

OL: #75 JONATHAN OGDEN Ravens
When this 6'9", 340-pounder—the first player ever picked by the Ravens—hits a defender, it looks like a Mack truck running over a bicycle.

KR: #82 DANTE HALL Chiefs
A100-yard kickoff return, a 93-yard punt return, and the record for consecutive games with a special teams touchdown (four) in '03. Not a bad résumé.

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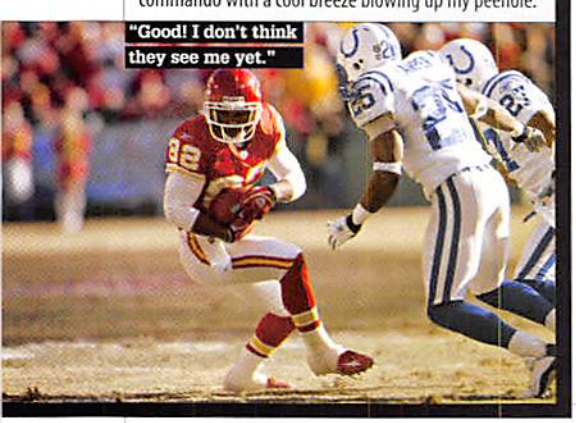
DIANE GOES ONE-ON-ONE

DANTE HALL

The Chiefs started 9-0 and finished 13-3 last season...but no ring. What happened?
Honestly, Peyton Manning was hot as a firecracker. We scored 31 points and our defense made good plays in that playoff game, but Peyton was just too good.
Did Dick Vermeil cry after the game?
Man, Coach cries almost every day. That guy will cry during practice. He'll cry after practice. I've seen him cry in meetings. But that's what makes Coach so good. Every head coach says they care...but they don't.
So Dick's a little soft. Who's the NFL's toughest?
I've got to say Ray Lewis. Most of the guys in the NFL are good, but they're not too bright. This guy is not only gifted, he's smart. That's not fair.
Against Green Bay in Week 2, you ran back into the end zone before going 100 yards for the game-winning TD. How fun is that?
It's one of the best feelings in the entire world. Have you ever been drunk? Well, it's even better than that.
Trash talker: yes or no?
Man, who am I to talk smack? I'm 5'8", 185—I only talk smack to the fans.
You've been voted to two straight Pro Bowls. Looking forward to number three?
If I'm lucky enough to get voted again, I probably won't even play. Nobody blocks in the Pro Bowl, but I'm still out there trying to return kicks. Anquan Boldin broke two of my ribs with his knee last year. It's crazy!
The worst part about playing in NFL Europe?
I didn't know that when you wear a kilt, you can't wear underwear. So I'm walking around Scotland full commando with a cool breeze blowing up my peehole.

Most of the guys in the NFL are real good, but they're not too bright.


"Good! I don't think they see me yet."

AFC EAST

Will New England make it three of four? Will Miami choke again? You betcha!

PATRIOTS

'03 skinny: Week 1: 31-0 loss to Buffalo. Week 17: 31-0 win over Buffalo. That's their second Super Bowl season in a nutshell. Oh...and QB Tom Brady is banging *I, Robot* hottie Bridget Moynihan.
New blood: The rich get richer. Pats grabbed the Bengals' 1,200-yard RB Corey Dillon and replaced 400-pound DT Ted Washington with the 344-pound (and quick) first-round pick Vince Wilfork.
Summer school grade: A
Playoffs? DB Ty Law is unhappy at best, Dillon has been arrested 13 times in 17 years, and pretty boy Brady is due for a fall...but Super Bowl XXXIX is still New England's to lose.

DOLPHINS

'03 skinny: The Fins loaded up on veteran free agents and started 4-1. Then, with bone lodged firmly in throat, watched the playoffs from home.
New blood: More like a bloodletting. Their senior VP quit after 20 days. RB Ricky Williams is an All-Pro malcontent and an All-World moron. And police say Randy McMichael beat his pregnant wife.
Summer school grade: F
Playoffs? We can't second the Swami picking the Fish to go deep in the playoffs (p.182), but their defense will get 'em in...unless it gets cold in December. But what's the chance of that?

BILLS

'03 skinny: Beating the Pats 31-0 in Week 1 was a surprise. Losing 10 of the next 15 wasn't.
New blood: Off with their head...coach. Gregg Williams is out; Mike Mularkey is in, as are WR Lee Evans and QB J.P. Losman.
Summer school grade: B+
Playoffs? Are the Bills full of Mularkey? We know 8-8 won't get 'em past Week 17, and that's all they'll get.

Ham and cheese sandwich

JETS

'03 skinny: QB Chad Pennington is no tough guy. Knocked out in the preseason, he returned to a 2-4 disaster and couldn't do much better (4-6).
New blood: New defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson—a hit, hit some more, then hit 'em with your car kinda coach—and LB Jonathan Vilma will help a pathetic defense, and Justin McCareins, a 6'2" WR, will help out last year's Oompa-Loompa receiving corps.
Summer school grade: C
Playoffs? '04 will be all about pressure in...um, Giants Stadium. Either the D will pressure the QB, or the coaching staff will feel the pressure of unemployment.

AFC WEST

How will the West be won? Believe it or not, by a Snake...

BRONCOS

'03 skinny: Denver was 9-2 when QB Jake Plummer started and 1-4 without the Snake. But Plummer was under center when the defense forgot to show up for their 41-10 playoff loss to the Colts.
New blood: Coach Mike Shanahan believes he can pull a 1,500-yard rusher out of his ass (see: Terrell Davis, Olandis Gary, Mike Anderson), so he gladly pulled the trigger on the Clinton Portis for Champ Bailey blockbuster. They also signed S John Lynch and DE Marco Coleman.
Summer school grade: B+
Playoffs? We smell another 10-6 year and an early playoff loss.

CHIEFS

'03 skinny: The 9-0 start looked great, but the defense (29th) was more generous than Paris Hilton on movie night: The Colts didn't punt once in their 38-31 win over the 12-4 Chiefs in the playoffs.
New blood: With 10 of 11 starters returning, KC didn't need much offensive help. And blew it on defense.
Summer school grade: D-
Playoffs? The best offensive line in football will be playing in January, but only because the NFC West is a wasteland.

"Gimme back my chewin' gum."

RAIDERS

'03 skinny: After coach Bill Callahan called his guys "the dumbest team in America" and WR Tim Brown had to talk players out of punching him, 4-12 doesn't sound so bad.
New blood: Incredibly, the geriatric Raiders managed to get even older, signing Ted Washington (36), Ron Stone (33), Ray Buchanan (32), Warren Sapp (31), Denard Walker (31), and Kerry Collins (31). But new defensive coordinator Rob "Little Buddy" Ryan will have two new LBs in Danny Clark and Dwayne Rudd, and the ridiculously fast S Stuart Schweigert.
Summer school grade: B
Playoffs? Raiders fans will give up on the playoffs by Halloween.

CHARGERS

'03 skinny: The Chargers stank. On the bright side, not many fans showed up to smell it. Their 4-12 season was their eighth straight losing campaign.
New blood: Rabble-rousers David Boston and Marcellus Wiley are gone, and tough-guy coach Marty Schottenheimer may have 10 new starters. Worse, after they passed on Michael Vick three years ago, Eli Manning stiff-armed 'em.
Summer school grade: D-
Playoffs? Their returning WRs couldn't catch the clap in Tijuana, and that's the good news. "LT is the best running back in the NFL," says Swami. "But the worst 52 players in the NFL may also play for the Chargers." ▶

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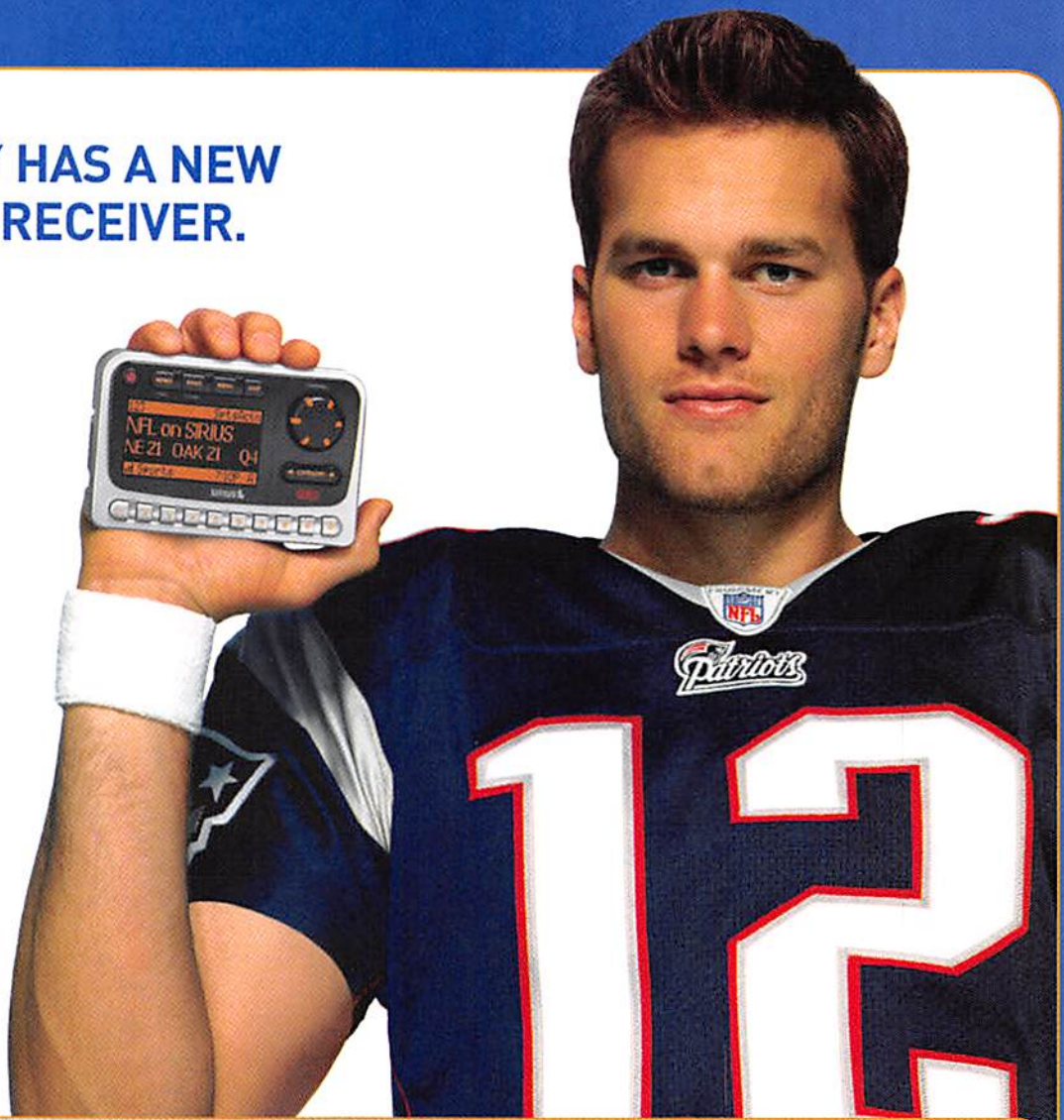

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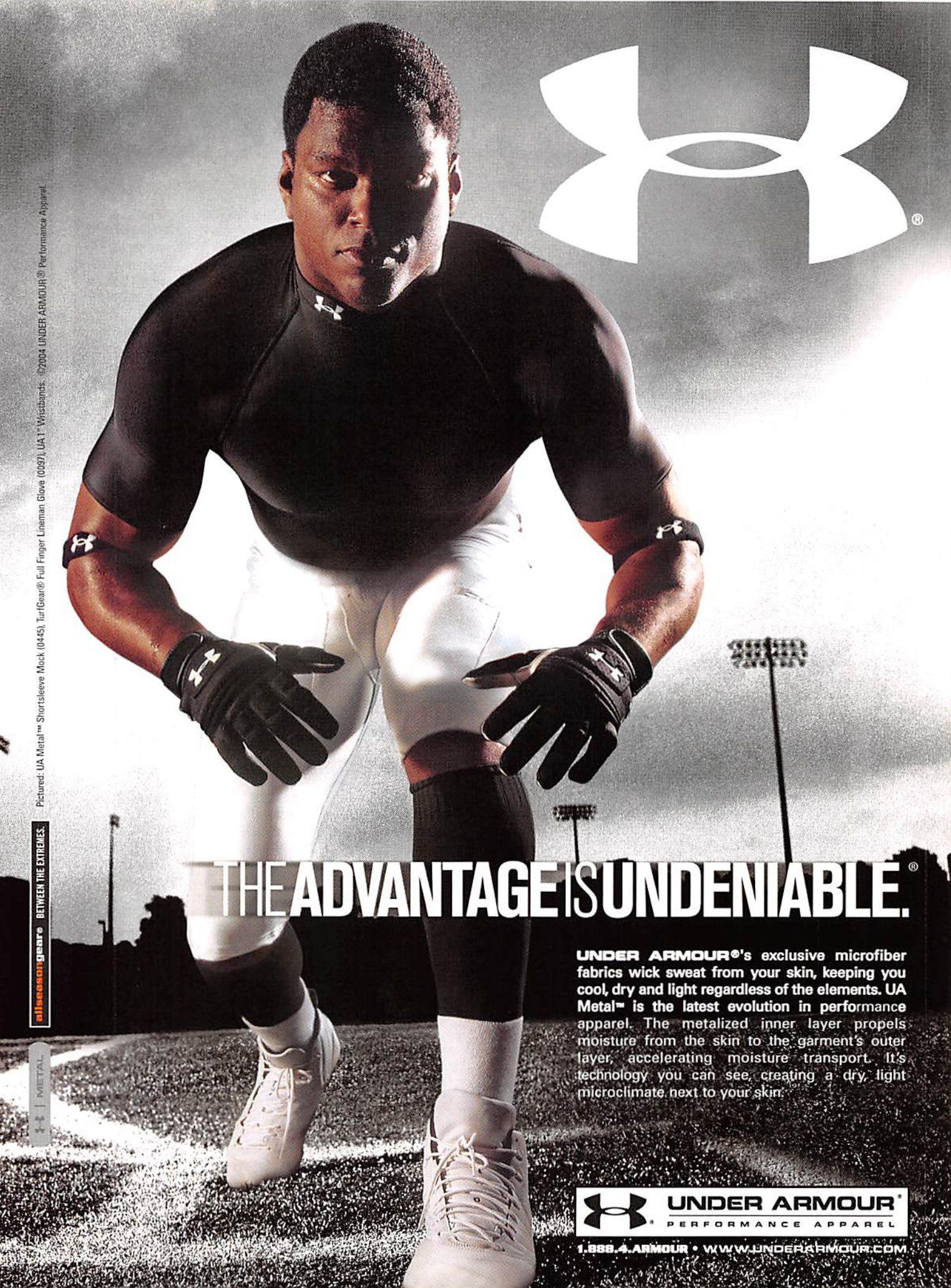
BRENDA VS. DANIELLE

When these girls play rough, we all need a cold shower.

The Bucs start here: "I'm obsessed with football," says 20-year-old Buccaneer Danielle (right). "I get in trouble all the time when I'm cheering because I'm paying too much attention to the game." But Danielle—who knows the entire script to *Old School* by heart, describes her dream date as football and chicken wings, and owns a Super Bowl ring—insists that she's far from perfect. "I don't care about the things people say I should care about," she says apologetically. "I don't have a boyfriend, but if I did and he went out and blew $200 at a strip joint, I'd be like, 'Hell, yeah, that's pimp!' I guess that's hard for some guys to hear."

Miami miracle: Think Danielle sounds nice? Meet Brenda (left). "When my girlfriend told me the Dolphins were having cheerleading tryouts, I figured it would be fun," she says. "I love dancing in clubs, so I just showed up and free-styled for the judges." Two weeks later she was an NFL cheerleader. "I don't think of it as cheerleading—it's dancing," says this single Chinese-Bolivian-American. "We're entertainers, and I'm somebody who believes that being sexy is always entertaining." Can we get a "hallelujah"?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TY LAW

Things got crazy after the Super Bowl. At one point you called your coach, Bill Belichick, a liar. How's life in Beantown these days?
Coach and I had a conversation, and I'm happy to be a Patriot . . . but at the same time I'm very confident in my abilities. I know I don't own the Patriots' logo, but I own the name on the back of that jersey.

What was all the fuss about?
I think I've proven I'm one of the best cornerbacks in football, and I didn't see why I should take a pay cut.

Fair enough. But who's the best CB of all time?
Man, that's tough. Lester Hayes was great. But I have to give it to Deion because he revolutionized the position—he made it fun to be a corner.

Fun . . . but no tackling.
True. Deion was a cover guy. I'm a football player. I'm not gonna have anybody on the opposing team saying, "We're gonna run to Ty Law 'cause he ain't gonna tackle you." Bullshit! I want to be the complete corner. I've laid some good licks on people, especially when they weren't looking. I'm not gonna lie, I'll knock the hell out of you when you ain't looking.

I don't give a damn about QBs. What good is Peyton if I have his WR blanketed?

The Swami (p.182) has the Pats in the Super Bowl again. Is there any team you'd like to beat in Jacksonville this year?
The Philadelphia Eagles. I'd love to go toe-to-toe with Terrell Owens. Going against the biggest mouth in the game in the Super Bowl—shit, I would love that.

And if he busted out the pompoms after a TD?
Hey, if you don't want to be taunted, don't let him in the end zone. That Sharpie thing was the funniest shit ever. But the cell phone thing took it too far. How can you call your mom and then lose the game?

"Get back or I'll eat the ball."

AFC NORTH

When the Bengals have the division's best QB, anything can happen.

STEELERS
'03 skinny: Is the NFL's longest-tenured coach on the chopping block? All we know is that Pittsburgh dropped from division champs to 6-10 faster than Jenna Jameson through a tube steak.
New blood: RB Amos Zereoue, FS Brent Alexander, CB Dewayne Washington, LB Jason Gildon, TE Mark Bruener, and both coordinators are gone. RB Duce Staley will improve the NFL's second-worst running game, and QB Ben Roethlisberger is the steal of the year.
Summer school grade: B+
Playoffs? The Swami (p.182) says yes. We say pass the crack. Pitt has great WRs, but they can't pass it to themselves.

RAVENS
'03 skinny: Brian Billick made a deal with the devil, turning a 5-5 team with a high school QB into division champs.
New blood: Beelzebub called in his first marker when WR Terrell Owens refused to play in Baltimore. Marker No. 2: signing backup QB Kordell Stewart. Now the Ravens have the two lowest-rated passers in football.
Summer school grade: F+
Playoffs? RB Jamal Lewis, LB Terrell Suggs, and DB Corey Fuller are all in serious legal trouble. But it's the Ravens' passing game (32nd out of 32) that will banish any Super Bowl hopes to death row.

BROWNS
'03 skinny: Kelly Holcomb won the QB battle, but Cleveland lost the war, browning out at 5-11.
New blood: All-world rookie TE Kellen Winslow Jr. is a prick. But who cares? It's Dennis "Fire Your Agent" Northcutt who is not happy about playing ball in Cleveland.
Summer school grade: B-
Playoffs? Right after the pope starts shitting in the woods. If they go 8-8, we'll bang every hog in Ohio.

"Leggo my Eggo!"

BENGALS
'03 skinny: Marvin Lewis nearly led the 8-8 Bengals to the playoffs, which is harder than getting R. Kelly a job at Toys "R" Us.
New blood: Warren Sapp and Troy Vincent passed on Cincy, but shutdown CB Deltha O'Neal, big-hitting S Kim Herring, and LB Nate "Tasmanian Devil" Webster did not. Losing talented ingrate Corey Dillon was a bonus.
Summer school grade: C
Playoffs? Not yet. Great WRs Peter Warrick and Chad Johnson—who nicknamed himself 7-Eleven because he's always open—may do more tackling than catching with Carson Palmer under center.

AFC SOUTH

Two top-tier teams. Two cellar dwellers. Three great ways to stick it to Texas.

COLTS
'03 skinny: Stop the presses: Peyton Manning finally won a playoff game! Too bad the 12-4 Colts blew their load (read: four Manning INTs) against the Pats in the AFC title game.
New blood: Free agents signings: zero. First-round picks: zippo. Lost veterans: DE Chad Bratzke, CB Walt Harris, CB David Macklin, and LB Marcus Washington.
Summer school grade: F
Playoffs? Fo' shiz'. Indy still has more weapons than any team in the NFL. Manning, RB Edgerrin James, WR Marvin Harrison, and K Mike Vanderjagt may all be the NFL's best. But defense wins championships.

TITANS
'03 skinny: Eddie George slumped, but the suddenly pass-happy Titans went 12-4, winning their 10th playoff game in five years.
New blood: When money talks, veterans walk. DE Jevon Kearse, RB Eddie George, and WR Justin McCareins are gone, but rookie DL Antwan Odom and TE Ben Troupe are studs.
Summer school grade: B
Playoffs? Yes...but that's it.

"Mom! Go wide. Go wide!"

JAGUARS
'03 skinny: The 5-11 Jaguars won three out of their last five with rookie QB Byron Leftwich.
New blood: WR Jimmy Smith is old, so they drafted Reggie Williams. RB Fred Taylor is banged up, so they drafted Greg Jones. And CBs Fernando Bryant and Jason Craft are history, so they signed Juran Bolden and Dewayne Washington. But at 5-11, simply plugging holes is not enough to make a difference.
Summer school grade: C
Playoffs? Not this year. Six of their 11 losses were by a touchdown or less, they went 4-4 in their last eight games, and the Jags allowed a league-low 3.2 yards per rush. But 0-8 on the road is a bad sign.

TEXANS
'03 skinny: Remember those ESPN ads with QB David Carr calling plays without an offensive line? So do the Texans. Their 5-11 record was disappointing, but the OL improved.
New blood: Houston broke the bank for Dolphins OT Todd Wade, picked up OT Robaire Smith from the Titans, drafted the only shutdown CB available in Dunta Robinson, and traded three picks to draft 260-pound DE Jason Babin.
Summer school grade: A
Playoffs? The Texans haven't won two games in a row yet, so thinking playoffs is like the Olsen twins worrying about rehab. Oops! RB Domanick Davis will shine, but the run defense (31st) won't.

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LORA AND AMY

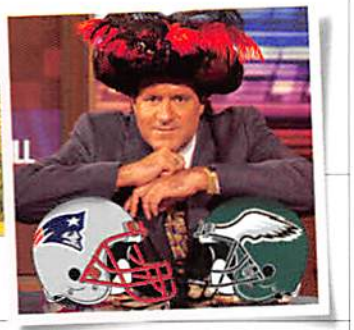
The two sexiest women in the City of Brotherly Love.

Body of evidence: Both these rookie cheerleaders recently turned 21, but Lora (right), a senior at DeSales University, is just coming into her own. "I never thought I had a nice body," she says. "Now, after I made this team and started training hard, I'm much more confident." Amy (left), who is slowly converting her family of Giants fans to the Eagles, is more pragmatic. "When I first saw our game uniforms, I thought, *I'm wearing that?*" she says. "*How the hell am I going to fit in that top?*"

Behind the seams: The 2004 Eagles Cheerleaders uniforms were designed by fashion queen Vera Wang. "They're by far the smallest in the league," boasts Amy. "We're basically jumping up and down in our underwear in front of 70,000 people." Is there a God? Exhibit A.

Philly fanatics: Amy describes herself as "one of those girls with pictures of herself dancing on the bar at her 21st birthday but doesn't remember a thing." But she has limits. "Eagles fans are insane. On draft day we were at a bar called Jillian's, and—like I said—we're basically walking around in our underwear," she laughs. "Well, one of the girls got goosed on her way to the stage." And Lora can relate: "I'm kinda looking forward to my first obsessed fan—as long as they stay in the stands." The line starts behind us, fellas...

THE SWAMI SAYS...



ESPN's gridiron guru Chris Berman gives you his exclusive postseason picks. Vegas, anyone?

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Action: Homer Jones was credited with the first spike in football history (October 17, 1965), but White Shoes turned the end zone celebration into art. His knee-knocking funky chicken was part vaudeville in cleats, part Jerry Lewis on speed, and all in-your-face showboating.
Reaction: By 1984 the NFL had banned Johnson's "little dance." Yet the Bengals' annual swan dive survives to this day.

THE FUN BUNCH
Action: Those scalping ingrates, the Washington Redskins, perpetrated the first choreographed end zone celebration during the 1983 season.
Reaction: After banning the Fun Bunch, the NFL was rechristened the No Fun League.

THE ICKEY SHUFFLE
Action: Cincinnati Bengals rookie running back Ickey Woods scored 15 touchdowns in 1988 and embarrassed himself after each one. His hop-scotching, ball-shuffling dance (punctuated with a spastic spike) was history's dumbest-looking taunt . . . but it pissed people off, so we loved it.
Reaction: The No Fun League banned Ickey's "unprofessional celebration," but Woods refused to save his pride, shuffling his act to the sidelines until retiring in '91.

THE LAMBEAU LEAP
Action: After returning a fumble for a TD on December 26, 1993, Packer LeRoy Butler lost his mind, trying to jump over an eight-foot wall into the crowd. Fans then pulled their man into the stands.
Reaction: The Lambeau Leap joined Atlanta's Dirty Bird, Denver's Mile High Salute, and Terrell Owens' Sharpie as celebrations that eluded the NFL's wandering eye. Bill Parcells' Tuna Tumble wasn't so lucky.

2004 HOT DOGGIEST
Winner: Cincinnati WR Chad Johnson
Action: Already out $60,000 to the NFL for celebratory and uniform violations last year, Johnson scored a TD on December 14, 2003 and held up this ($10,000) orange sign. Cha-ching!

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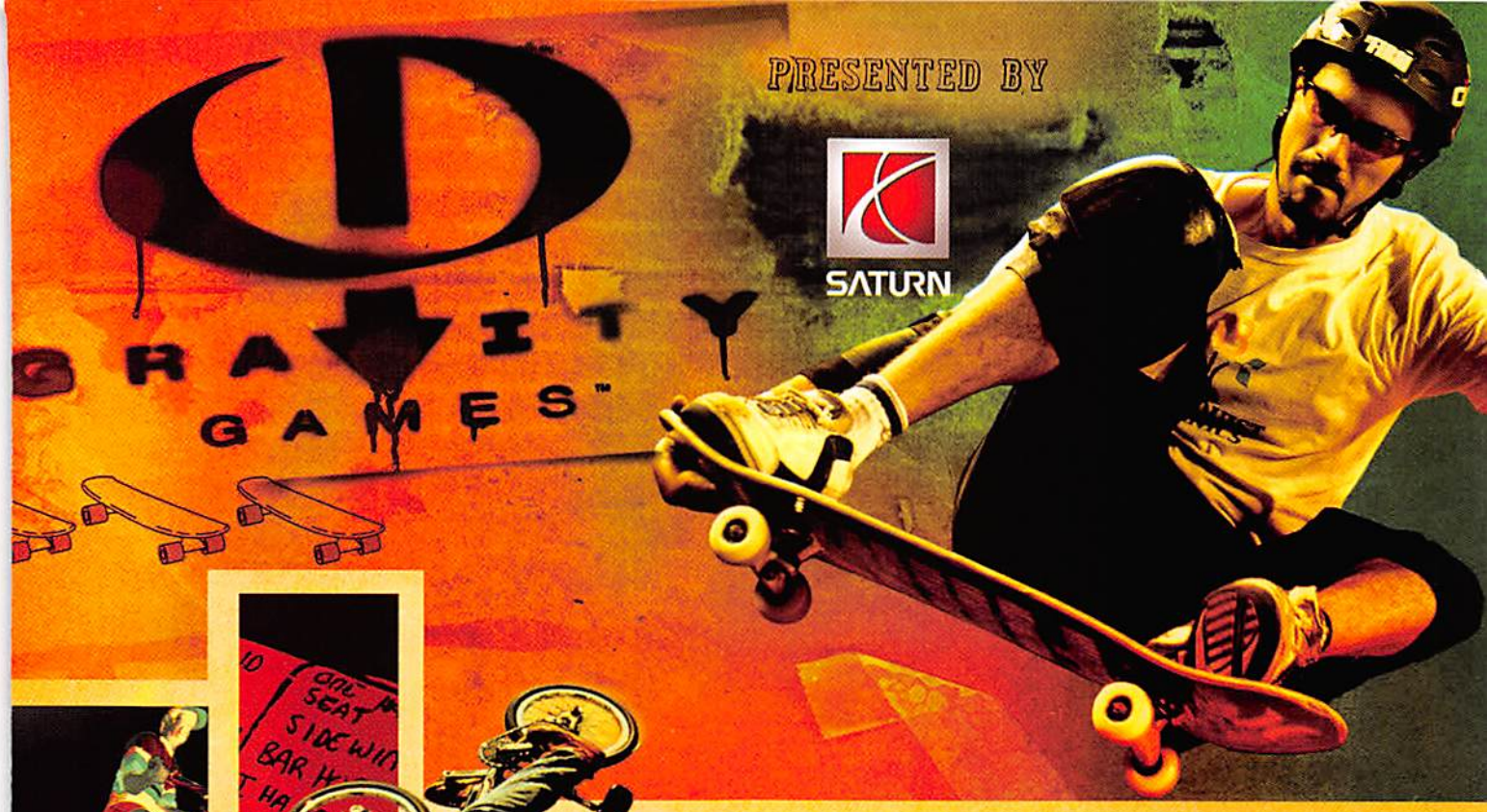

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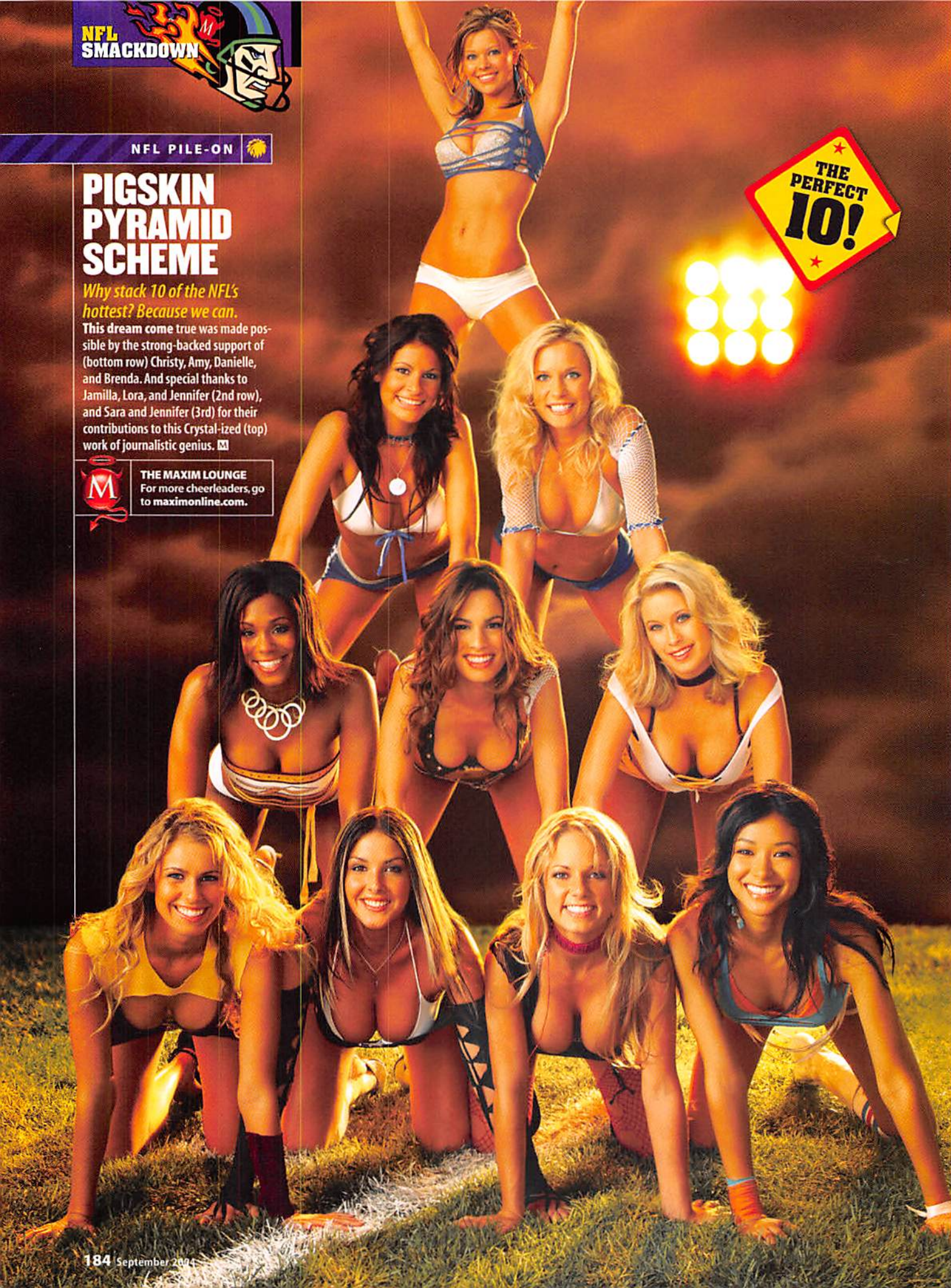

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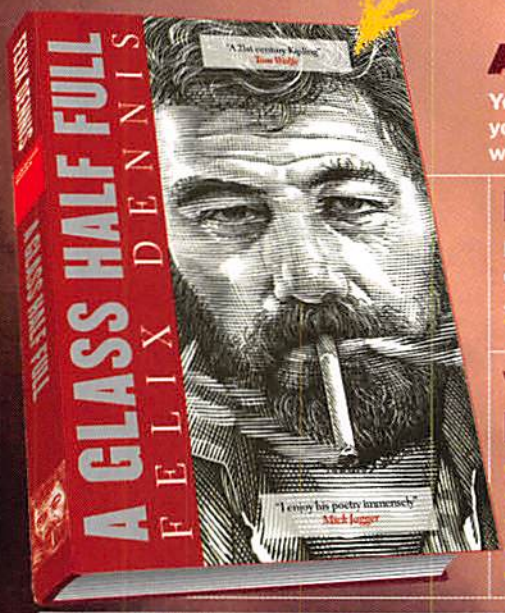

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You are invited as Felix Dennis, owner and founder of *Maxim*, serves as much free wine as you can (safely) drink, and reads from his new book, *A Glass Half Full*. Check out www.felixdennis.com for more details on the DID I MENTION THE FREE WINE? tour!

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VIDEO GAME HI-FI!

When you're watching *Jurassic Park*, surround sound makes those screeching, bladder-wringing velociraptors sound like they're attacking from both sides of your meaty flanks. But how about your beloved PS2? The new ProMedia GMX D-5.1 is a gaming console "home theater" system with five speakers and a subwoofer that'll help bring a symphony of squealing wheels, whizzing bullets, and snapping bones into your mother's basement. Compatible with PS2, Xbox, GameCube, and PC platforms as well as CD and DVD players, the GMX comes in 120- and 230-volt versions and pumps out superior sound with a 108-decibel output through its 3/4-inch tweeter and three-inch midbass woofer. Each mobile speaker is built on a ball-point pivot, allowing for easier placement around your pyramids of pizza boxes. *($250, klipsch.com)*

Photograph: Satoshi

GRAB BAG

Summer's over! Head back to the great indoors, where happiness is one click away.

BY MARIA FONTOURA
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1. LIGHT MY FIRE $59
So you've just climbed Everest and, naturally, you're jonesing for a cigarette. While the sherpas blab, you can defy nature yet again with Orvis' sturdy butane-filled, watertight lighter. It withstands 70–80 mph winds and temperatures as low as -40 degrees. *(orvis.com)*

2. SPAZ SPICE $7
Back in the day, hot sauce was just hot. But that's not good enough anymore. Behold Timmy's Torrid Tonic caffeinated hot sauce. One tablespoon has as much caffeine as a can of Coke and packs more heat than 50 Cent at the Source Awards. Holla! *(thinkgeek.com)*

3. EARPLUGS $3,000
Remember how you slaved away, shaking your ass for quarters to buy that stereo? Why not go the whole nine yards and buy the best headphones ever? Ultrasone's Edition7 headphones feature titanium drivers and low-emission technology for an audio experience that makes 3 Doors Down sound like angels. *(ultrasoneusa.com)*

4. NERD DEVICE $349
You like your powerhouse Pocket PCs like your women: fast, easy, and loaded. Dell's Axim X30 handheld hits all three with the fastest-available PDA processor running at a ridiculous 624 MHz, 64 MB of both RAM and ROM, and Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capability. It runs the newest Windows Mobile, so it's just like a laptop, without the lap part. *(dell.com)*

5. MISTER SWISS $69
Corporate whistle-blowing has never been easier with Swiss Army's newest Frankentool, the SwissMemory. Download 64 MB worth of incriminating files onto its discreet USB memory stick and take it straight to the Feds. When you're not bringing down CEOs, use the blade, file, scissors, key ring, and pen at will. *(swissarmy.com)*

6. ON THE LEVEL $85
Since time immemorial, straight lines have been essential to the building of crap. We know; we looked it up. Black & Decker's Bulls Eye laser level throws a straight line as it hangs on a wall—perfect for setting up shelves, straightening pictures, or slicing up drywall. Even better, the Bulls Eye detects hidden wall studs, stud. *(blackanddecker.com)*

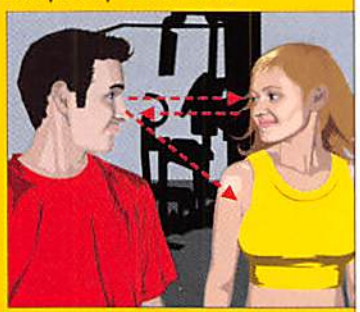
7. XM MARKS THE SPOT $199
Why chain yourself to the same five songs that play in a loop on regular ol' radio? The Delphi CD Audio System is one of the first portable XM satellite devices, which means more choices of lame songs and no killjoy FCC. At just 20"x8.5"x6.5", it's small enough to carry anywhere and has a CD and MP3 player. *(delphi.com)*

8. TALKING PICTURE $700
They made a lot of promises about the future when we were kids: laser bazookas, antigravity socks, and video phones. One out of three ain't bad! The Ojo Personal 16:9 aspect ratio hi-res LCD and echo-canceling technology make video phones a reality! Now that you can see who you're talking to at a blistering 30 frames per second, we're guessing the bottom is about to fall out of the phone sex industry. *(wgate.com)*

HOW TO

SCORE AT THE GYM

Put the "club" back in "sports club" and pick up a she-hulk.



1. STARE MASTER

Gyms are meat markets: veritable buffets of buff beauties. "Figure out which women want to be left alone," says sexpert Rebecca Suzanne. Scour the gym for a chick wearing makeup, make eye contact, and pray she smiles.

2. WORK STENCH

The approach is easy, but most guys crash and burn on the landing. "Don't just lurk; pick up a weight and at least pretend to be using it," adds Suzanne. And don't let her see you dripping with sweat or sniffing the bike seats.

3. PRESS TO IMPRESS

Talk a little shop and offer to spot her. Suzanne suggests asking her to show you how to do an overhead triceps extension; she'll appreciate that you're not a know-it-all. Show her your lap pipes by crushing a beer with your bare thighs.

TRITON SWIM SPINNER

Pros: "If you're not a swimmer, this is a little tricky. With some practice, you'll be working your arms in no time. But if you do swim, it's a cinch to use."

Cons: "It works the arms, but the legs are given short shrift. And there's no head support, so your head and neck get tired out really quickly."

($2,495, tritonfitness.com)

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MUSCLE MACHINES

Are any of these rigs worth wanting? Professional trainer John Cirilo weighs in.

GAZELLE CROSSTRAINER

Pros: "It's simple to assemble. You can jump on it and get the hang of the various tilting and backward and forward movements pretty easily. It's a good machine to get your heartbeat up and break a sweat on while working your upper body and chest."

Cons: "There are no joint angle motions, and it doesn't really mimic jogging like a treadmill. But it's good for an aerobic workout."

($398, hsn.com)

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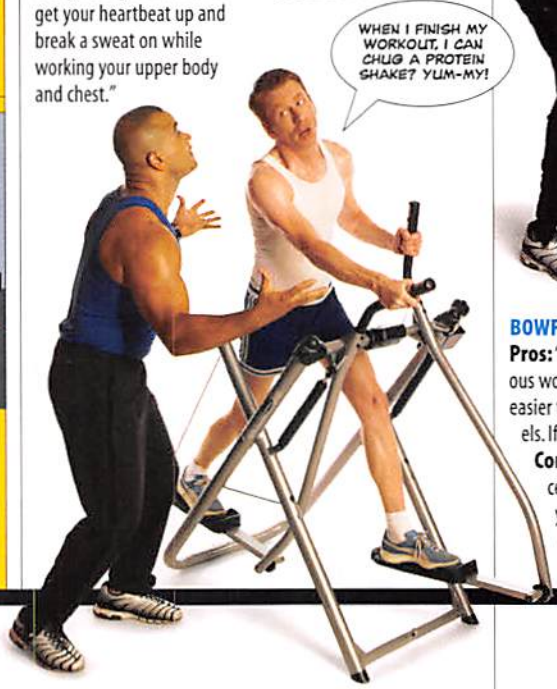

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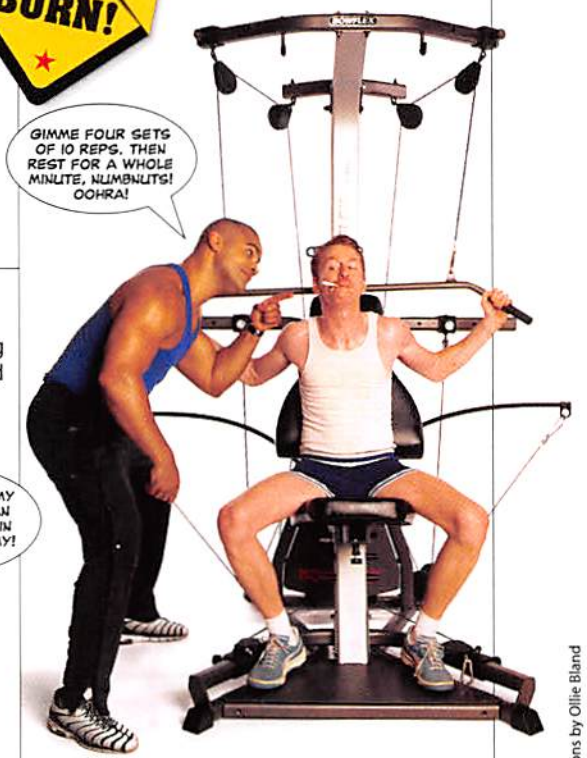

BOWFLEX XTREME 2

Pros: "If you don't mind having to get up to change the various workout positions, it's pretty user-friendly. It's also a lot easier to change the tension settings than in previous models. If you want a real workout at home, it's a good choice."

Cons: "At first, there's slack in the cables during the concentric phase of your workout—that's the point where you're normally exhaling and pulling the weights up."

($1,399, bowflex.com)

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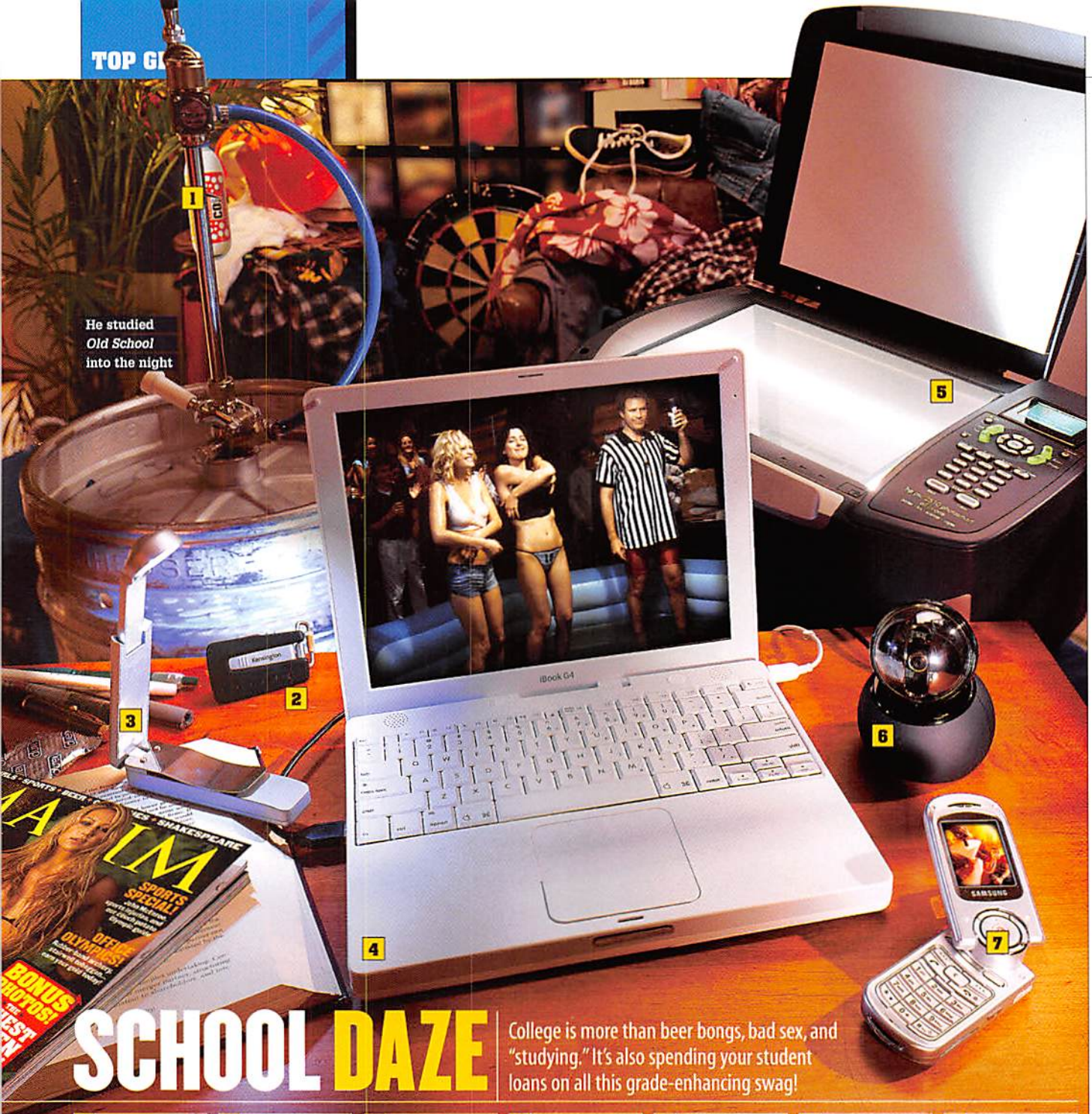

SCHOOL DAZE

College is more than beer bongs, bad sex, and "studying." It's also spending your student loans on all this grade-enhancing swag!

1 SPEW BREW

Say goodbye to pumping a keg to summon cheap, beer-flavored piss. The Leland CO_2 PicnicTap secures to your keg and turns it into a proper beer tap for proper vomit-caked frat flophouses. Two magical CO_2 cartridges are included. *($165, mrfizz.com)*

2 HI-OH WI-FI

In the old days of a couple of years ago, wires connected the Web. No more, Grandpa! With the new Wi-Fi Finder Plus, you can steal all the free wireless bandwidth you can surf. This tiny digital detective lights up as a wireless signal grows stronger. *($30, kensington.com)*

3 NIGHT-LIGHT

Your psycho roommate prays to a dark god before sleeping. Waking him is a bad idea. With this Itty Bitty Booklight, snuggle in bed and read the latest *Maxim* at night without disturbing the guy while he snores in his ceremonial sarcophagus. *($30, zelco.com)*

4 IWANT

Dear Mommy, buy me this and I'll stop majoring in ballet. Apple's 12-inch iBook is a portable powerhouse with a 1 GHz PowerPC G4 processor and 30 GB of storage. The iBook is both a study machine and a media studio. And pawn brokers love it, too. *($1,099, apple.com)*

5 PERSONAL KINKO'S

The HP Photosmart All-in-One, a space-saving, multitasking wonder box, is a printer, fax, scanner, and copier all, um, in one. It also works without wires, allowing you to beam the term paper you bought online directly to the printer. *($350, hp.com)*

6 WEB VIEW

This periscopelike cam follows you 180 degrees horizontally and 90 degrees vertically, keeping your face—or, er, "special area"—consistently centered. It's also got a 3x zoom function, should you need such a thing. We're just saying. *($130, logitech.com)*

7 SAY CHEESE

"Is this normal?" you say into the new Samsung P735 phone. Then, with a click of a button, you send Mom a one-megapixel pic of your diseased nads. It also features the world's first 180-degree rotating screen, better to preview your shot. *($400, samsung.com)*

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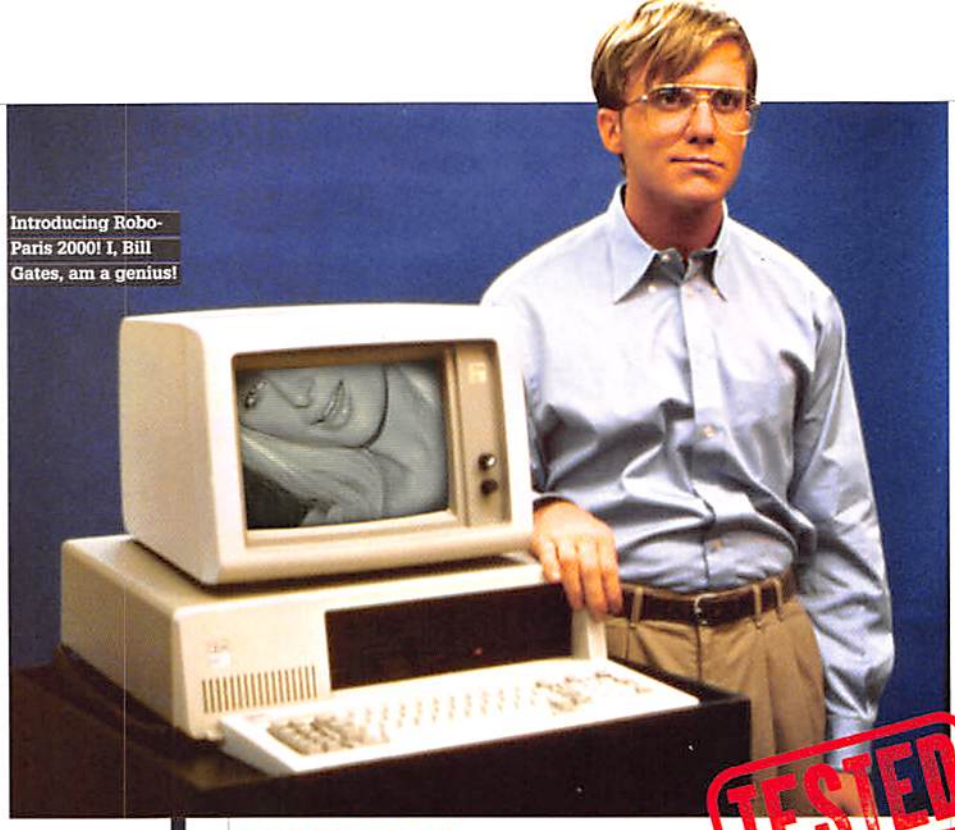
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> FOOD FIGHT

GO JUICE

Which sports drink makes our sweat taste the best?

GATORADE

Sodium: 110 mg Carbs: 14 g
What we say: The tangy afterflavor definitely made our jaw sockets tingle. Most sports drinks contain sodium that triggers thirst and keeps you drinking, so you can hydrate your hung-over carcass. Perfect.
★★★☆☆

POWERADE

Sodium: 55 mg Carbs: 17 g
What we say: The official not-beer drink of the *Maxim* soccer team. What kinds of flavors make up this gym punch? There's citrus, then a litany of "natural" flavors. It tastes like grade-school juice boxes that aren't too sticky or sweet.
★★★★☆

VITAMIN WATER

Sodium: 0 mg Carbs: 13 g
What we say: This trendy vitamin-laced sports drink tastes like watered-down Kool-Aid with extra water. It has fewer carbs than the others, so it's good for the pancake-phobic. Even with its magical additives, it's a lame improvement on H_2O.
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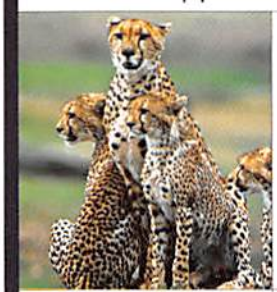
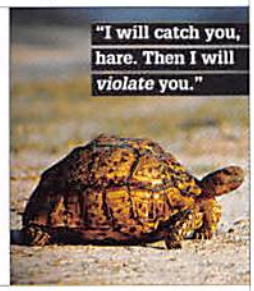
> SECRET SERVICE

MODEM OPERANDI

Which Internet pipe downloads the fastest? We go surfing to find out.




"I will catch you, hare. Then I will *violate* you."

CABLE

How fast it streams: Five seconds for a 5 MB video* to buffer; smooth streaming, like beer from a tap.
What we say: One sweet ride with true top speeds of 3 Mbps, and easily shareable with networkers (i.e., the speed doesn't quit just because your friend's also logged on, but it can slow down if you live in a building with lots of subscribers). Cable may cost more than DSL (though in some cities it's only another five bucks per month), but it's clearly the fastest way to make anything happen online. And by "happen" we mean "naughty porn."
Cost: $40–$60 a month.
★★★★☆

DSL

How fast it streams: Eleven seconds for a 5 MB video to buffer; semismooth streaming, with two midstream hesitations.
What we say: Phone companies suck, and they're on the way out anyway with the proliferation of Internet voice services. So even though DSL providers have grown their user base competitively over the years, it's still wise to avoid if you have the choice. Our DSL always runs slower than it should (with consistent but never reachable top speeds of 1.5 Mbps), and it often causes us problems with the sound quality of our prank calls.
Cost: $30–$65 a month.
★★★☆☆

DIAL-UP

How fast it streams: More than two minutes for a 5 MB video to buffer; rocky streaming, frequent hesitations, and occasional sound delays.
What we say: Most of the country still uses it, and with speedier services from companies like NetZero (they claim they're up to five times faster than regular dial-up), they give intermittent Web browsers reason to stay in the slow lane. Our 56K dial-up AOL connection took almost 20 minutes for us to upload a video file, and it ties up the phone line, so make sure to give your bookie Luther your cell phone digits, before he gets miffed.
Cost: $5–$25 a month.
★★☆☆☆

*All downloaded video was for professional use only, and not for the sordid pleasures of editors with "social problems."

THE ONCE-OVER

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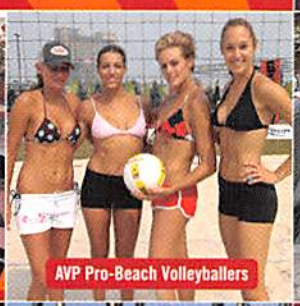
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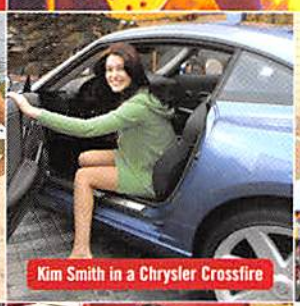
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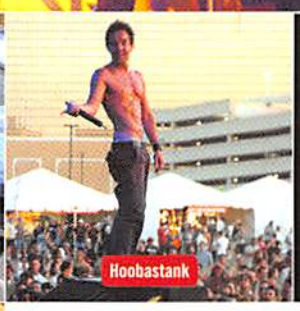
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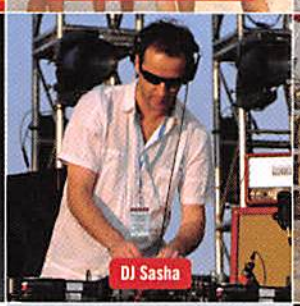
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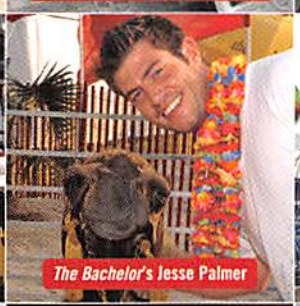
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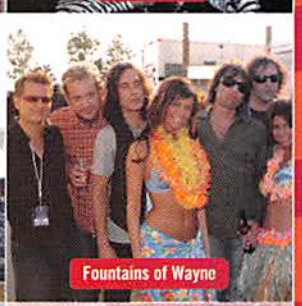
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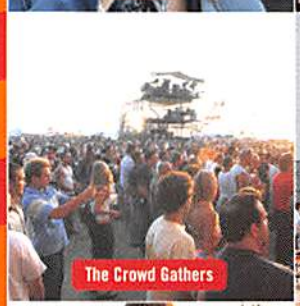
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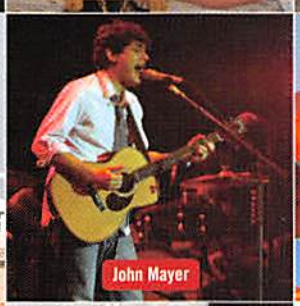
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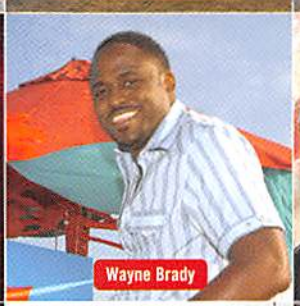
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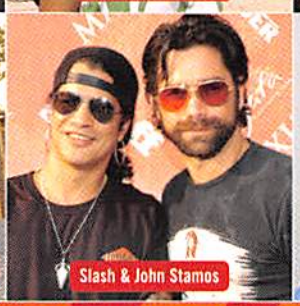
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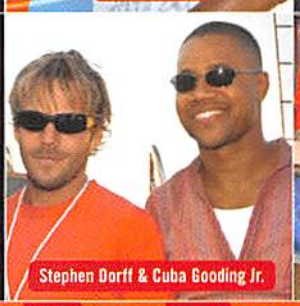
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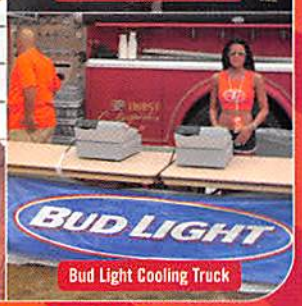

Bud Light Cooling Truck

On June 26th and 27th, Maxim, Stuff, Blender, and The Borgata Hotel and Casino welcomed over 10,000 partiers to Atlantic City for Fantasy Island which featured two Blender music stages, the Stuffland Carnival, beaches, a sports area, a giant BBQ truck, and yes, even camels!

Guests had the chance to go head to head against NYC's Rucker Park street ball team or the beautiful ladies of the AVP pro-beach volleyball tour. In between matches, challengers relaxed in the **Mentadent Spa Tent** or cooled off with ice-cold **Bud Lights**. Later in the day, VH1's **Rachel Perry**, Maxim's July cover girl, **Kim Smith**, *The Bachelor*'s, **Jesse Palmer** and **Cuba Gooding Jr.** caught the live performances from **Fountains of Wayne**, **Hoobastank**, and a super charged shot to the eardrums from **Scott Weiland**, **Slash**, and the guys from **Velvet Revolver**.

The next day, **Stephen Dorff**, **David Spade**, and **Wayne Brady** checked out the latest in satellite radio technology at the **Sirius Satellite Radio Tent**. Ladies in the crowd looking for a little extra exposure headed over to **Stuff Magazine's 39th & 6th Model Search** for the chance to appear in an upcoming issue. This was familiar territory for Stuff's July cover girl / *Survivor* winner, **Amber Brkich**, who also dropped by.

As the sun set, *The Sopranos*, **Drea de Matteo** and **John Stamos** were chauffeured to the **Chrysler VIP Viewing Tent** by way of the Chrysler courtesy shuttles for the night's concert which featured Philly's own **Silvertide**, international **DJ Sasha**, **John Mayer** and the rock spectacle that was **The Darkness**.

And so **Fantasy Island** came to a close. Did fantasies come true? Let's see—rock stars, models, games, celebrities, sports, and camels.

What do you think?

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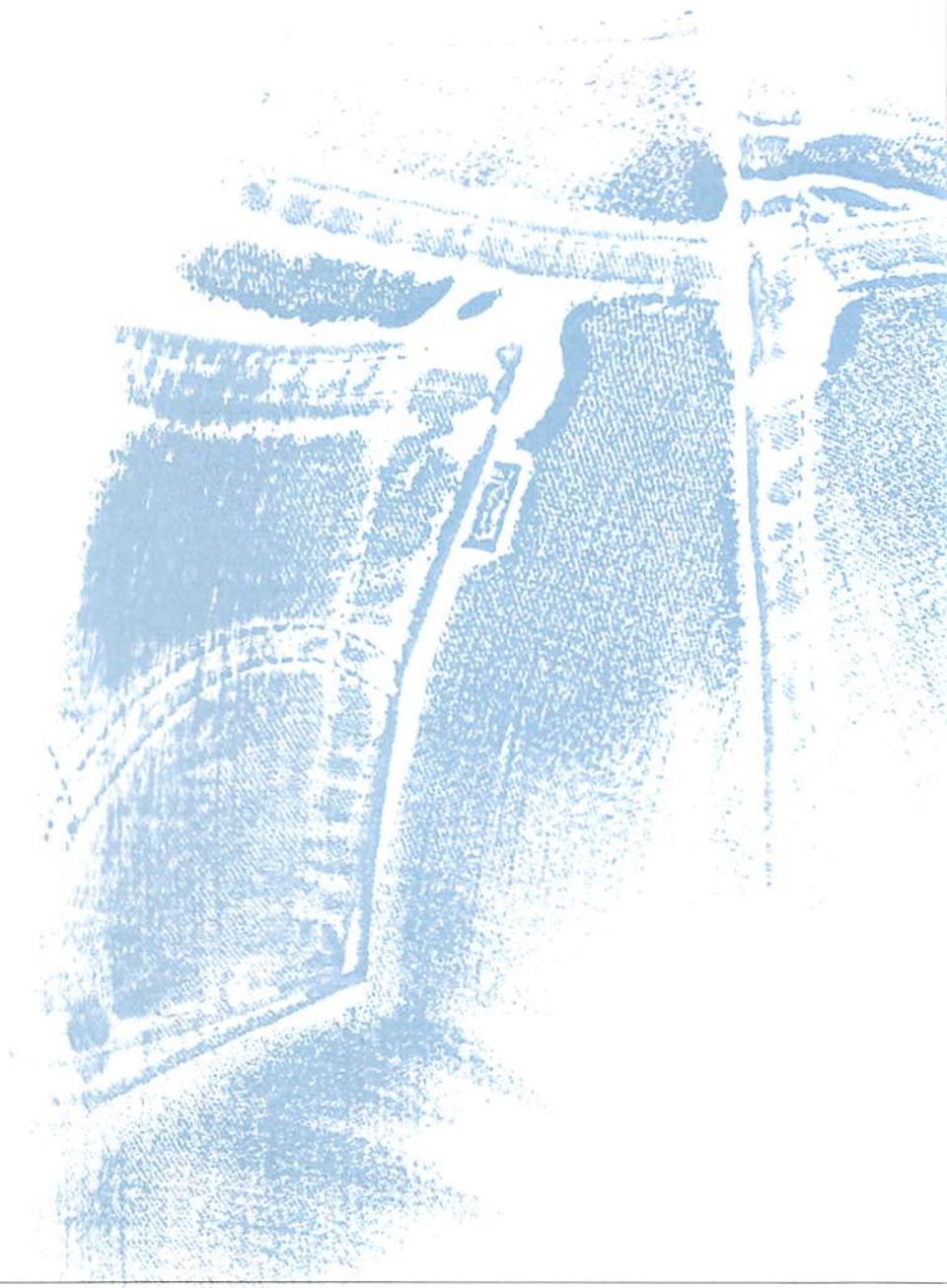

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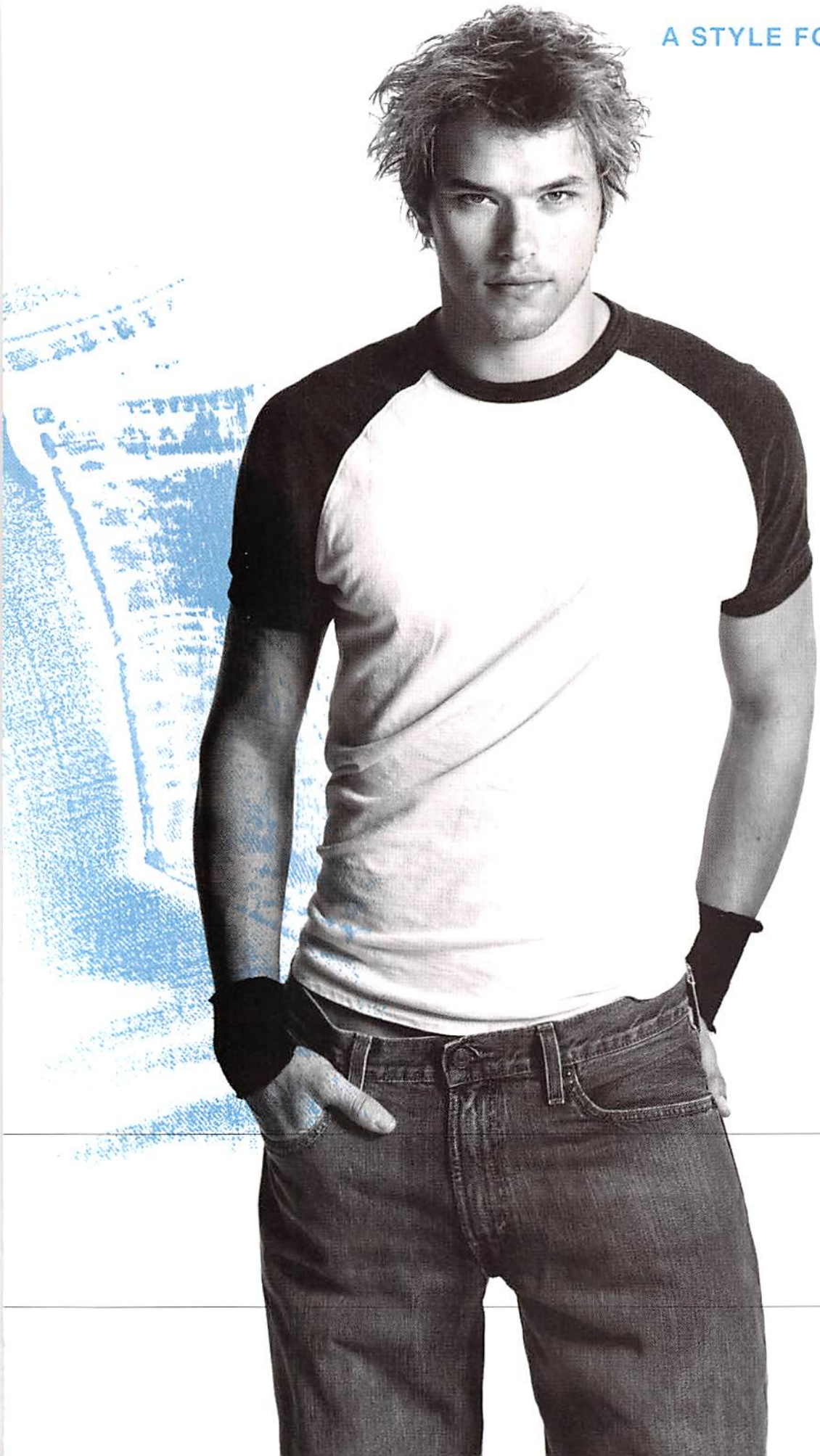

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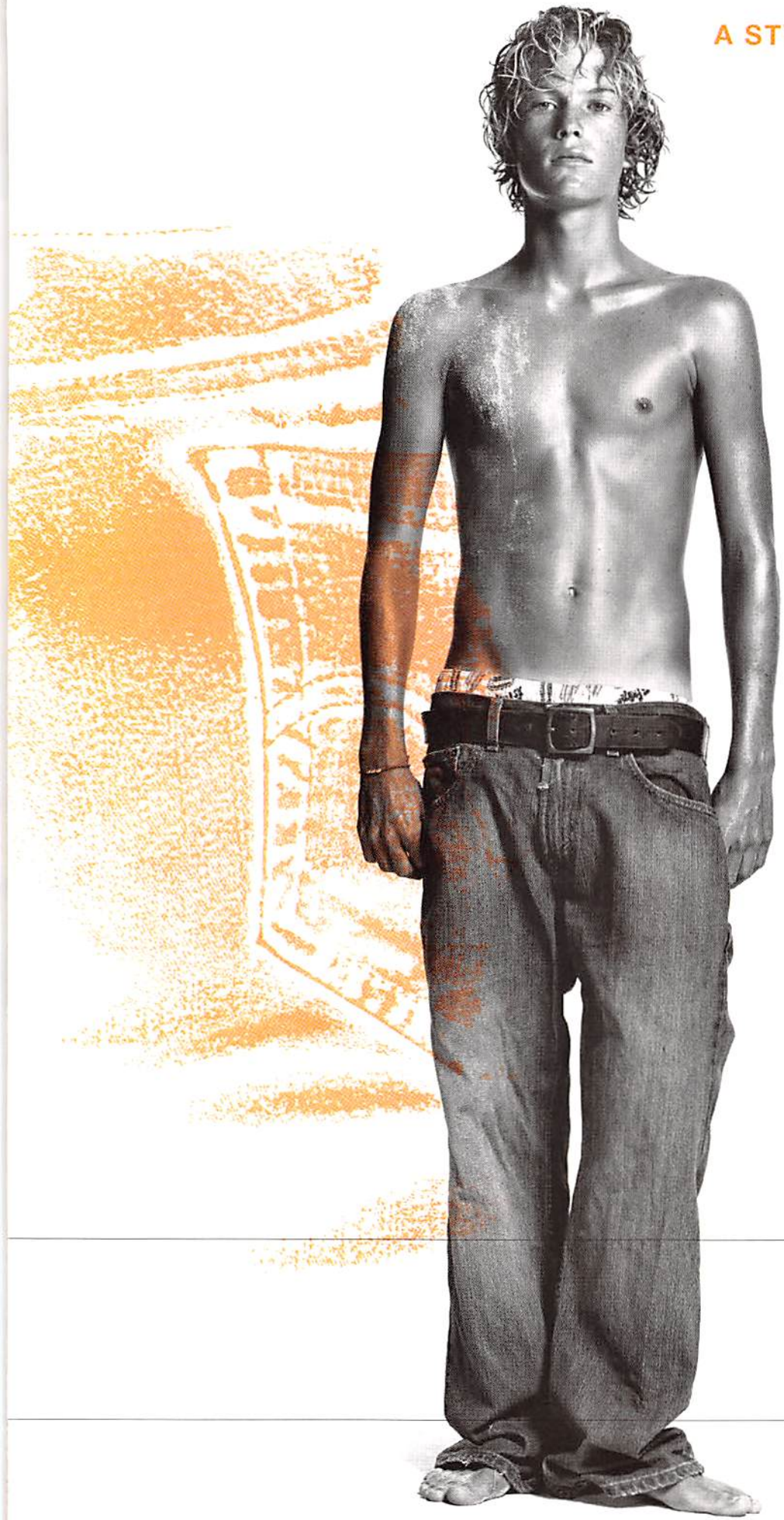

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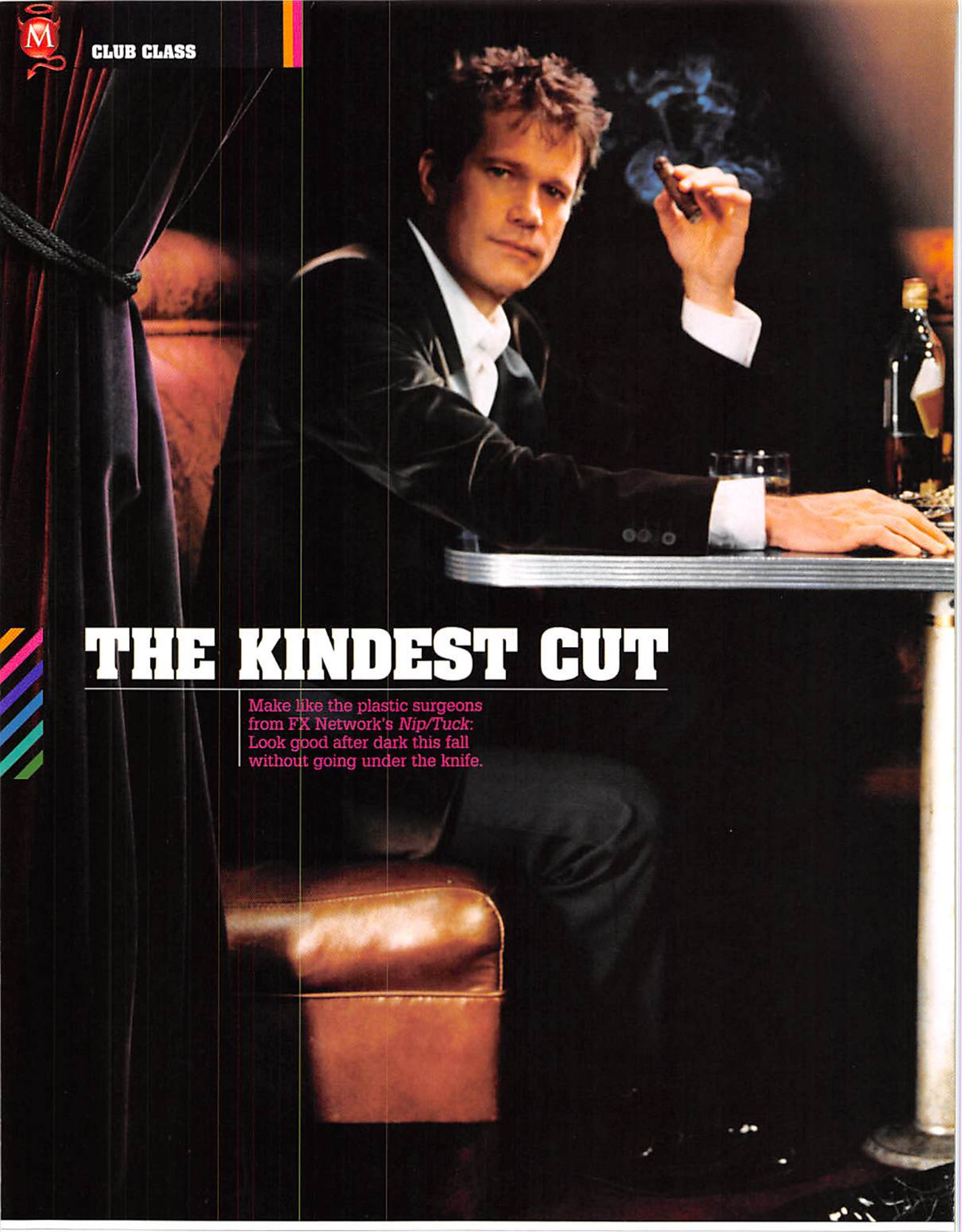
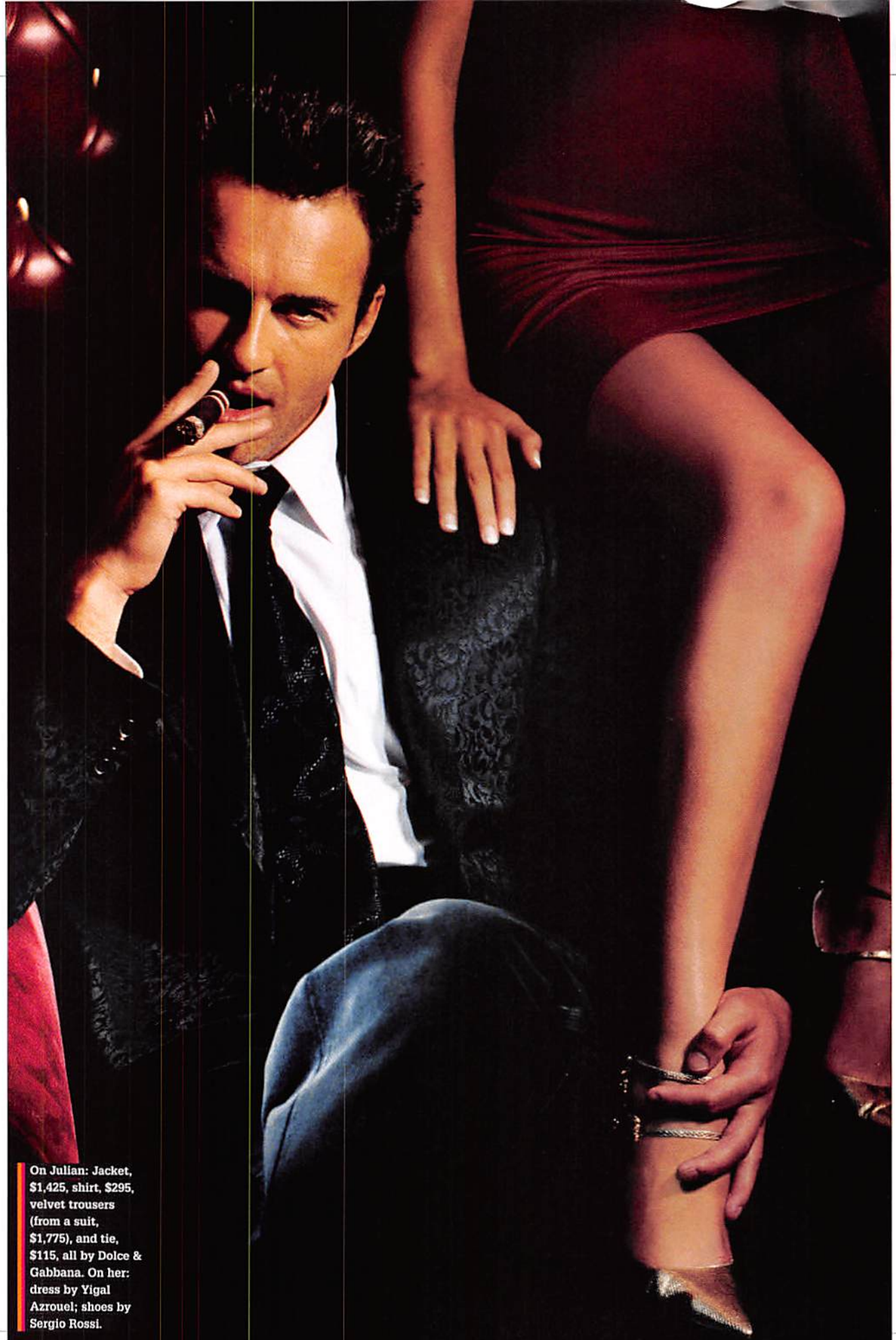


THE KINDEST CUT

Make like the plastic surgeons from FX Network's *Nip/Tuck*: Look good after dark this fall without going under the knife.

(from left) On Dylan Walsh: Velvet jacket, $895, shirt, $325, trousers, $295, and boots, $490, all by Valentino. On Julian McMahon: Tuxedo, $1,395, shirt, $195, and silk twill tie, $110, all by John Varvatos; shoes, $185, by Johnston & Murphy.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DOMINICK GUILLEMOT STYLING BY STAN WILLIAMS

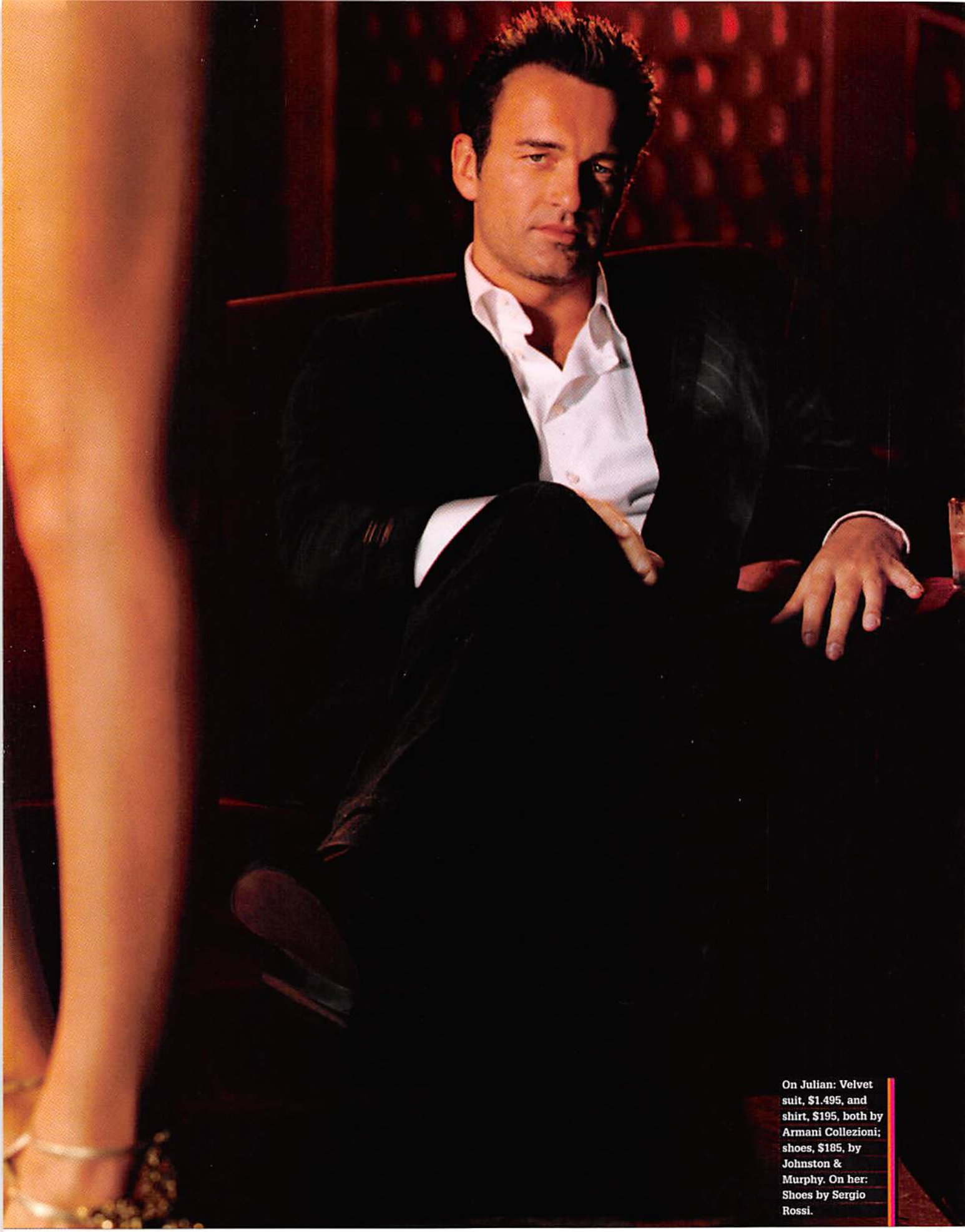


On Julian: Jacket, $1,425, shirt, $295, velvet trousers (from a suit, $1,775), and tie, $115, all by Dolce & Gabbana. On her: dress by Yigal Azrouel; shoes by Sergio Rossi.

Prop styling, Jeff Andrews; grooming (Julian and Dylan), Asia Geiger for Bumble and Bumble/Celestineagency.com; hair and makeup (model), David Shannon for Cloutier

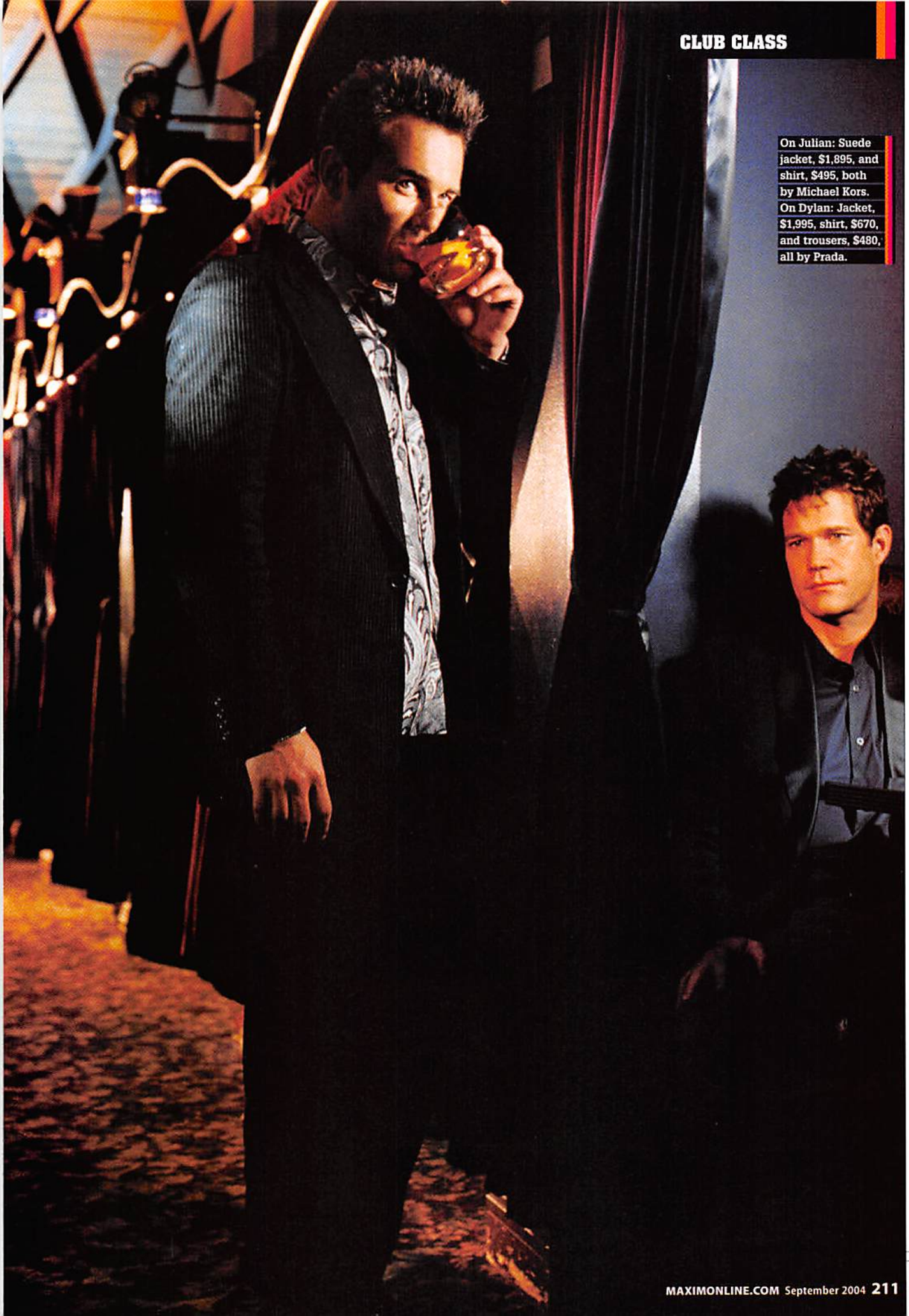
On Dylan: Velvet evening jacket, $2,490, evening shirt, $1,205, and velvet evening trousers, $935, all by Tom Ford for Gucci.

On Dylan: Tuxedo, $1,685, and embroidered shirt with leather collar, $2,175, both by Dsquared².



On Julian: Velvet suit, $1.495, and shirt, $195, both by Armani Collezioni; shoes, $185, by Johnston & Murphy. On her: Shoes by Sergio Rossi.

On Dylan: Jacket, $1,670, and pleated shirt, $260, both by Moschino Uomo. On Julian: Tuxedo, $1,295, by Calvin Klein Collection; shirt, $125, by Boss Hugo Boss.



On Julian: Suede jacket, $1,895, and shirt, $495, both by Michael Kors. On Dylan: Jacket, $1,995, shirt, $670, and trousers, $480, all by Prada.

SQUARE DANCING

Corner the market on style with this rack of righteous rectangles.

1. DolceVita Maxi, **$1,250,** by Longines

2. Goldtone watch with calfskin band, **$165,** by Seiko

3. Miles large rectangular watch, **$1,225,** by Oris

4. Carlyle watch, **$398,** by Coach

5. Stainless steel self-winding watch, **$595,** by Accutron

6. Watch with leather band, **$325,** by Burberry Timepieces

7. Port Royal watch, **$3,400,** by Zenith Watches

8. Monaco chronograph, **$8,500,** by TAG Heuer

9. Urban Steel watch, **$495,** by Michele Watches

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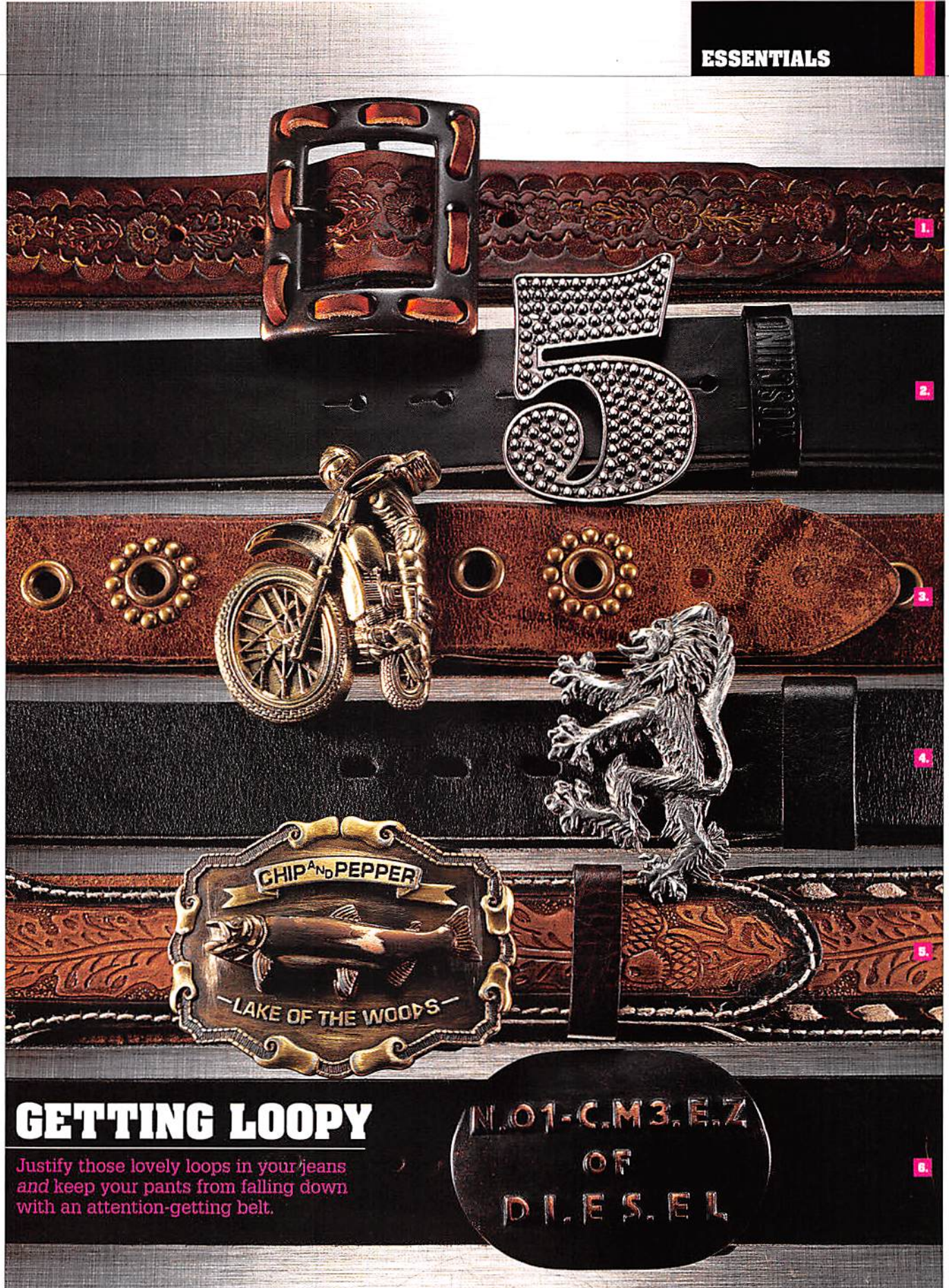

GETTING LOOPY

Justify those lovely loops in your jeans *and* keep your pants from falling down with an attention-getting belt.

1. Leather belt with square buckle, **$165**, by Dsquared²

2. Leather belt with #5 buckle, **$180**, by Moschino Jeans Uomo

3. Biker belt, **$225**, by Hollywood Trading Company

4. Leather belt with lion buckle, **$250**, by Pringle of Scotland

5. Lake of the Woods leather belt, **$185**, by Chip and Pepper

6. Dark leather belt with lettered brass buckle, **$53**, by Diesel

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Leather bag, $500, by Sean John

Nylon and leather duffel bag, $1,250, by Salvatore Ferragamo

Rolling leather duffel, $650, by Dooney & Bourke

FIRST CLASS STOWAWAYS

Upgrade your bag and they may let you sit in the big seats.

TIP: Don't throw out the plastic bags your dry cleaning comes in. Use them to gently roll up the clothes you pack in your overnight bag to keep them from looking like a wrinkled mess.

Bag, $1,295, by Polo by Ralph Lauren

Sports bag, $850, by Bottega Veneta

Flatiron carry-on bag, $448, by Coach

Stretch leather bag, $1,395, by John Varvatos

Leather travel bag, $2,500, by Tod's

For buying information, see page 230.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOHN LAWTON

WATERWORKS

Keep up appearances—immerse yourself in this cool puddle of grooming must-haves.

1. Oil Control Face Wash, **$6**, by Nivea for Men

2. Essential Oil Shampoo, **$18**, by the Art of Shaving

3. Triple Protect Face Gel, **$7**, by Neutrogena

4. Ennemi After Sport Shower Gel, **$25**, by Nickel

5. Essential Oil Conditioner, **$18**, by the Art of Shaving

6. Day Rescue with SPF 15, **$30**, by Lab Series for Men

7. Continuous Moisture Eye Cream, **$32**, by Anthony Logistics

8. Hair Growth Treatment, **$25**, by Men's Rogaine

9. Body Building Hair Gel, **$14**, by Jack Black

10. Daily Prep Lip Stuff, **$7**, by Sharps Barber and Shop

For buying information, see page 230.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALEX CAO

LIVE FROM LINCOLN PARK

Who's money? You're money in a pair of fall's best penny loafers.

Clockwise from top right:

Clancey penny loafers, $265, by Cole Haan.

Penny loafers, $195, by Mezlan.

Leather loafers, $335, by Salvatore Ferragamo.

Zilka loafers, $790, by John Lobb.

Paulie loafers, $135, by Bostonian Florentine.

Leather loafers, $450, by J.M. Weston.

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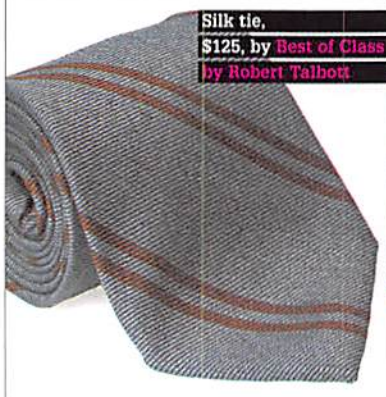
TURQUISH DELIGHT

Green-blue is the new black! So add a splash of cool color to your wardrobe this season. Just don't call it teal.

Sneakers, $190, by Boss Hugo Boss

Gelskin wash, $22, by California North



Silk tie, $125, by Best of Class by Robert Talbott

Wallet, $55, by Jack Spade

Turtleneck sweater, $667, by Calvin Klein Collection

Three-in-one duffel bag, $350, by Tumi

V-neck sweater, $415, by Burberry Prorsum

Zip-up sweater, $360, by D&G

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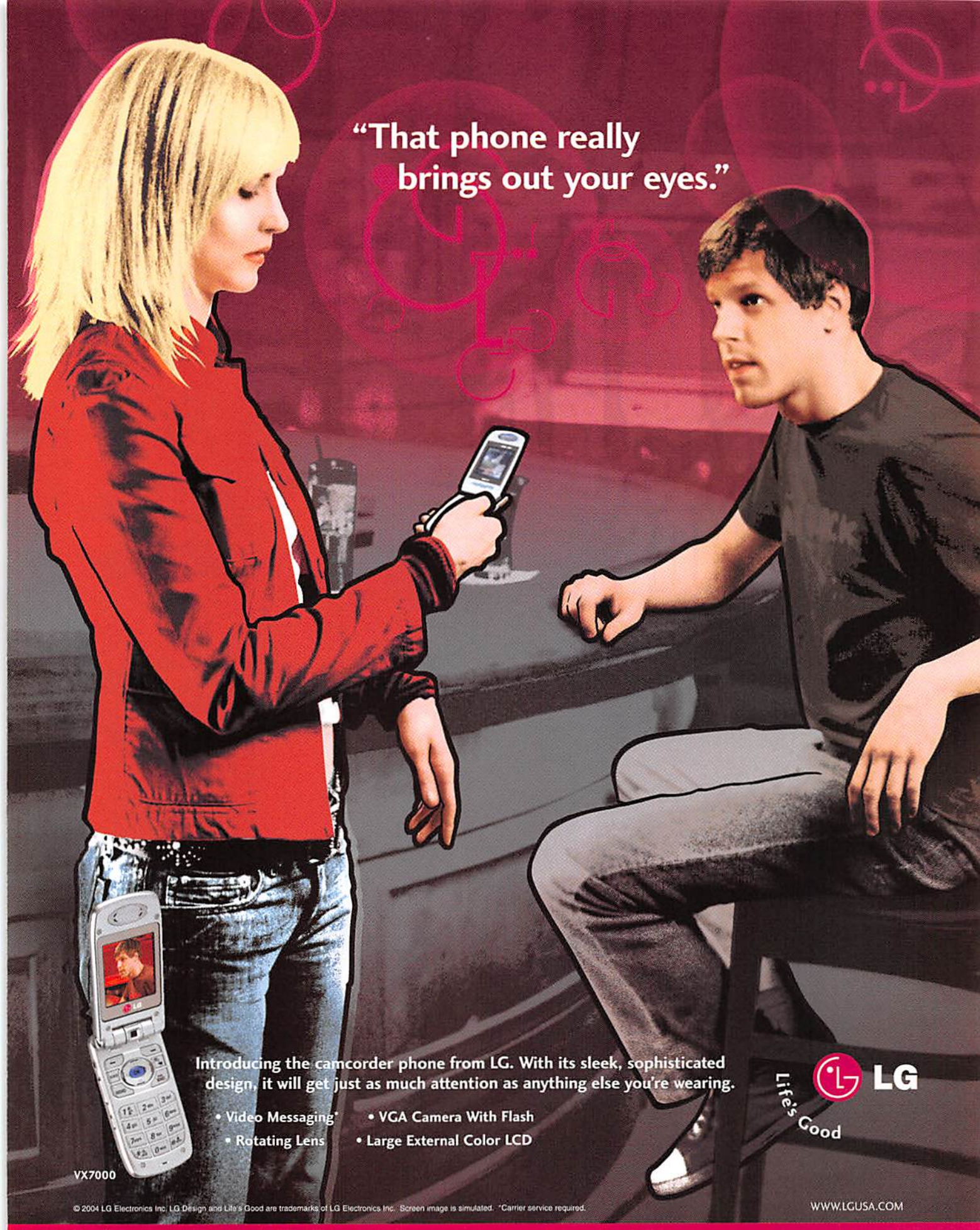
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UP FOR DEBATE
Three-button suit, $495, dress shirt, $54, and striped silk tie, $40, all by Tommy Hilfiger; Diego split-toe shoes, $255, by Cole Haan; stainless-steel watch, $55, by Armitron.

JOHN KERRY
Kerry desperately needs to crack his off-putting patrician shell with some humanizing color. Solution: Pair a bright, charisma-compensating tie with this conservative suit. Formidable, yet unpretentious enough to persuade a fry cook to vote for this caviar facial scrub poster child.

PRIMARY COLORS

When things like "words" and "issues" fail, it's the clothes that make the candidate. We create three looks for our presidential front-runners. May the best lying, cynical aristocrat win!

CUFF LINKS Elephant and donkey, $75 per pair, by Jan Leslie

FILOFAX Belmont agenda, $100, by Filofax

I. PODIUM JOCKEYS

Look smart enough and maybe they'll lay off the hardball questions, debate monkey.

GEORGE W. BUSH
Junior prides himself on being the first CEO-style president, which means delegating responsibilities (like wars and stuff), taking naps, and sitting bored behind a huge desk for hours at a time. He should stick with the classic I'm-no-wimp power suit—just like Pappy. Hey, this job is fun!

PRESIDENTIAL SEAL
Pinstripe suit, $450, by Nautica; dress shirt, $35, by Van Heusen; silk pinstripe tie, $80, by Charles Tyrwhitt; Culver shoes, $178, by Johnston & Murphy.

WATCH Chrono watches, $185 each, by U.S. Army

BRIEFCASE Parent Trap portfolio, $295, by Kenneth Cole

2. MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Looking like the people you're bullshitting matters as much as telling people what they want to hear.

JOHN KERRY

One of Kerry's biggest selling points is he kicked Charlie's ass in Vietnam (even if he did morph into an antiwar hippie). He's no factory worker, but he could look like an actor playing one. The military jacket says, "I actually ate K rations;" accessory ribbons can be thrown away if unwanted.

JACKET

Leather B-15 jacket, $395, by Avirex

SUNGLASSES

Aviator glasses, $85, by Polo Sport

A PEOPLE PERSON

Jacket, $695, by DKNY; shirt, $37, by American Eagle Outfitters; vest, $100, by Gran Sasso; Authentics khakis, $58, by Dockers; belt, $95, by Martin Dingman; Icon sneakers, $70, by Royal Elastics.

Styling assistance, Renee Marchione. For buying information, see page 230.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Between his dressed-down amateur-wrangler look and his folksy malapropisms, Dubya sells Regular Joe pretty well. Our cowboy hat, denim, and plaid look sends a clear statement: This "privileged Yankee" has his servants put his boots on one leg at a time, just like you and me.

WATCH
Soho Watch
$90, by Quiksilver

BOOTS Rawhide leather wingtip, $112, by Durango Boot

DOWN-HOME DUBYA
Country Buck reversible shirt, $68, by Zoo York; denim jacket, $128, by Michael Michael Kors; garden shirt, $69, by Guess; 527 jeans, $48, by Levi's; belt, $46, by Nautica; Duke boots, $365, by Frye; Bullrider cowboy hat, $169, by Wrangler.

3. PARTY ANIMALS

How can you shake a "wooden" image? Five tequila shooters and a limbo pole!

GEORGE W. BUSH

Once upon a time, our president partied like a rock star...then he woke up at the tender age of 40 with a hangover no power jog could cure. These casual Friday glad rags are perfect for shotgunning a few cans of nonalcoholic beer and avoiding Cheney-inaugurating pretzels. Toga!

BAG Rallye Traveler canvas bag, $169, by Club Monaco

WATCH Chrono watch with crocodile strap, $255, by Nautica

IN LIMBO

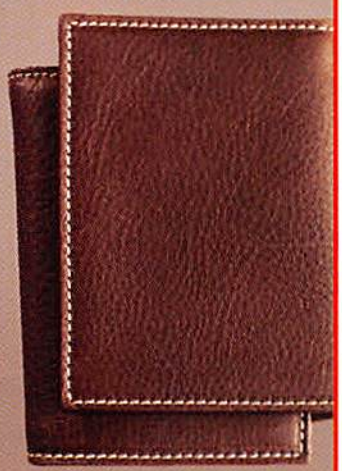
Jacket, $495, and corduroy jeans, $119, both by Gant; button-down shirt, $60, by Abercrombie & Fitch; polo shirt, $29, by Club Monaco; and sneakers, $60, by Fila.

JOHN KERRY

It's critical for any candidate, especially during wartime, to project an aura of sober authority and gravitas. But not during happy hour! If the people want to see John Kerry sipping beer and engaging in bacchanalias of a ribald nature, then accommodate the rabble he will, by golly!

BASEBALL HAT

$18, by American Eagle Outfitters

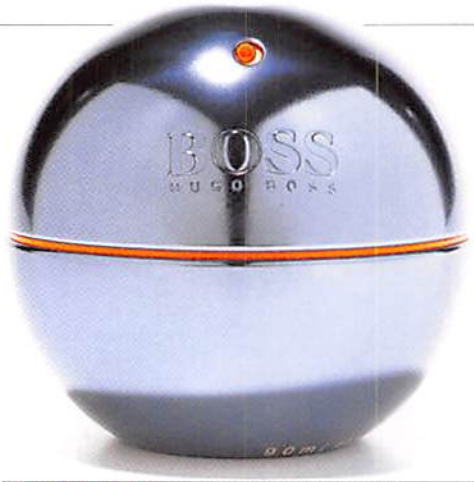


WALLET

Bridle wallet, $55, by Dooney & Bourke

JUST GOT LEI'D

Harris tweed sport jacket, $695, and trousers, $275, both by Southwick; shirt, $58, by Zoo York; polo shirt, $44, by Le Tigre; shoes, $165, by Kenneth Cole.



WHO'S THE BOSS? You'll dig Hugo Boss' limited-edition fragrance, Boss in Motion, Blue Edition. A 3 oz. eau de toilette spray sells for $49, at department stores.

HIDDEN TREASURE: Stash your cash in a Jack Spade wallet, from $65 to $105, at Jack Spade, N.Y.C., or jackspade.com.

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Still got some cash after a summer of Colt 45 and Slim Jims? Then stash it in a camo Jack Spade wallet. Or drop it on a John Bartlett suit, a Boss new cologne, and a digicam to catch every moment. Now all you need is a life.

THIS MONTH'S LABEL: JOHN BARTLETT
After a year off, John Bartlett is back with two new menswear lines. John Bartlett suits sell for about $900; suits in the secondary line, JB John Bartlett, run about $575, at stores like Bloomingdale's and Macy's West.

HOT SHOT: The sleek Olympus Stylus 410 Digital camera takes great pics and has a built-in microphone and speaker so you can save your deepest thoughts on the go. It sells for about $349; visit olympusamerica.com.

JEAN SCENE: Chaps now has its own denim line at stores like Belk, Carson Pirie Scott, and Proffitt's.

CASUAL EVERYDAYS: Claiborne loosens up with its Claiborne Casual, at department stores.

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Hot Spot

the inside story on Great Sex!

by Jamie Ireland

Learning "The Ropes"...

This month I got a letter from a reader in Texas about a "little secret" that has made her sex life with her husband absolutely explosive. (Those Texans know their stuff, let me tell you.)

Tina writes:

Dear Jamie,

Last month my husband returned from a business trip in Europe, and he was hotter and hornier than ever before, with more passion than he has had for years. It was incredible. He flat wore me out! And the best part of all—he was having multiple orgasms. I know what you're thinking... men don't have multiples, but trust me he was, and his newfound pow! pow! power! stimulated me into the most intense orgasms I've ever had. So, before we knew it, we were both basking in the glow of the best sex of our lives!

We tried tantric stuff in the past, and the results were so-so. But this was something new and exciting, completely out of the ordinary. I asked my husband what had created such a dramatic change in our lovemaking and he told me he'd finally learned "the ropes."

On the last night of his business trip my husband spent an evening dining out with a Swedish nutritionist and his wife of 20 years. The couple was obviously still quite enamored with each other, so my husband asked their secret. The nutritionist told him their sex life was more passionate than ever. Then he pulled a small bottle from his satchel and gave it to my husband. The bottle contained a natural supplement that the nutritionist told my husband would teach him "the ropes" of good sex.

My husband takes the supplement every day. The supply from the nutritionist is about to run out and we desperately want to know how we can find more. Do you know anything about "the ropes," and can you tell us how we can find it in the States?

Sincerely,

Tina C., Ft. Worth, Texas

Tina, you and the rest of our readers are in luck, because it just so happens I do know about "the ropes" and the supplement your husband's Swedish friend likely shared.

The physical contractions and fluid release during male orgasm can be multiplied and intensified by a product called Ogöplex Pure Extract™. It's a daily supplement specially formulated to trigger better orgasmic experiences in men. The best part, from a woman's perspective, is that the motion and experience a man can achieve with Ogöplex Pure Extract can help stimulate our own orgasms, bringing a whole new meaning to the term simultaneous climax!

The term used by the Swedish nutritionist is actually fairly common slang for the effect your husband experienced. The enhanced contractions and heightened orgasmic release are often referred to as ropes because of the rope-like effect of release during climax. In other words, as some people have said, "it just keeps coming and coming and coming."

As far as finding it in the States, I know of just one importer—Böland Naturals. If you are interested, you can contact them at 1-866-248-4212 or ogoplex.com. Ogöplex is all-natural and safe to take. All the people I've spoken with have said taking the once-daily tablet has led to the roping effect Tina described in her letter.

Aren't you glad you asked?

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Pages 204–205: (from left) On Dylan Walsh: Jacket, $895, shirt, $325, trousers, $295, and boots, $490, all by Valentino, at Valentino Store, N.Y.C. On Julian McMahon: Tuxedo, $1,395, shirt, $195, and tie, $110, all by John Varvatos, at John Varvatos, N.Y.C.; Short Hills; Las Vegas; and L.A.; or call 212-965-0700; or visit johnvarvatos.com. Shoes, $185, by Johnston & Murphy, call 800-424-2854; or visit johnstonmurphy.com.

Pages 206–207: (from left) On Dylan: Tuxedo, $1,685, by Dsquared², at H. Lorenzo, L.A.; and Jeffrey, N.Y.C. Shirt, $2,175, by Dsquared², at Hirschleifers, Manhasset, NY. On Julian: Suit, $1,495, and shirt, $195, both by Armani Collezioni, at Giorgio Armani stores; or visit giorgioarmani.com. Shoes, $185, by Johnston & Murphy, call 800-424-2854; or visit johnstonmurphy.com. On her: Shoes by Sergio Rossi, at Sergio Rossi, N.Y.C. and L.A.; or visit sergiorossi.com.

Page 208: On Julian: Jacket, $1,425, shirt, $295, and tie, $115, all by Dolce & Gabbana, at Dolce & Gabbana stores; or visit dolcegabbana.it. Trousers (part of suit), $1,775, by Dolce & Gabbana, at Bergdorf Goodman; Saks Fifth Avenue; and Hirshleifers; or visit dolcegabbana.com. On her: Dress by Y.Yigal by Yigal Azrouel, at CoCo Pari. Shoes by Sergio Rossi, at Sergio Rossi, N.Y.C. and L.A.; or visit sergiorossi.com.

Page 209: On Dylan: Jacket, $2,490, shirt, $1,205, and trousers, $935, all by Tom Ford for Gucci, at Gucci stores; or call 800-234-8593; or visit gucci.com.

Page 210: On Dylan: Jacket, $1,670, Moschino Uomo, at Traffic, L.A. Shirt, $260, by Moschino Uomo, at Macy's West; and Saks Fifth Avenue, Beverly Hills. On Julian: Tuxedo, $1,295, by Calvin Klein Collection, at Calvin Klein, N.Y.C. and Dallas. Shirt, $125, by BOSS Hugo Boss, at Hugo Boss, N.Y.C. and L.A.; select Bloomingdale's; or call 800-HUGO-BOSS.

Page 211: On Julian: Jacket, $1,895, by Michael Kors, at Michael Kors, N.Y.C.; Bloomingdale's; and Saks Fifth Avenue. Shirt, $495, by Michael Kors, at Michael Kors, N.Y.C.; Bloomingdale's; Saks Fifth Avenue; Macy's West; and Neiman Marcus. On Dylan: Jacket, $1,995, shirt, $670, and trousers, $480, all by Prada, at Prada stores; or call 888-977-1900.

SQUARE DANCING

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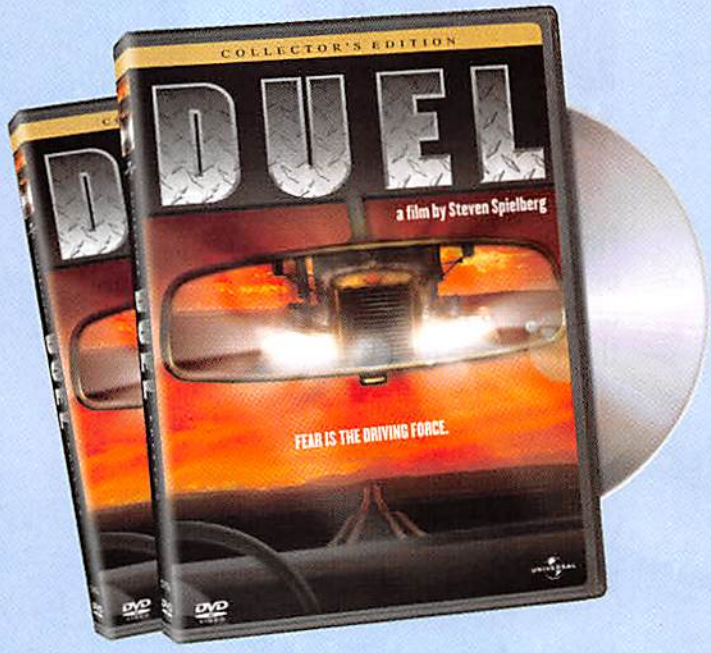

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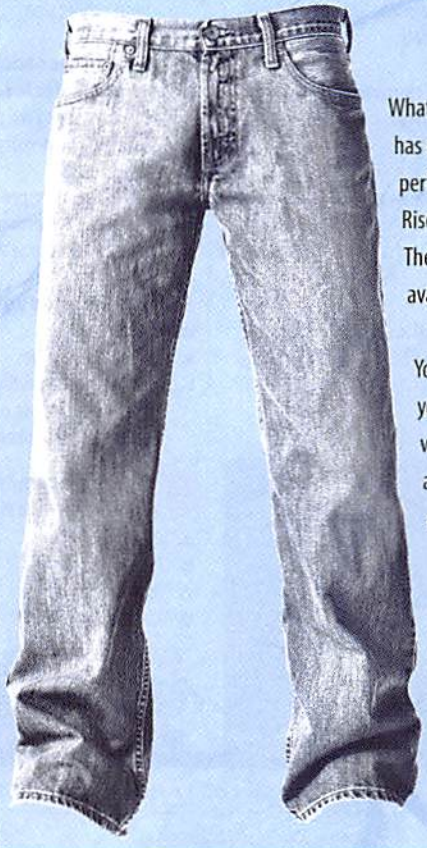

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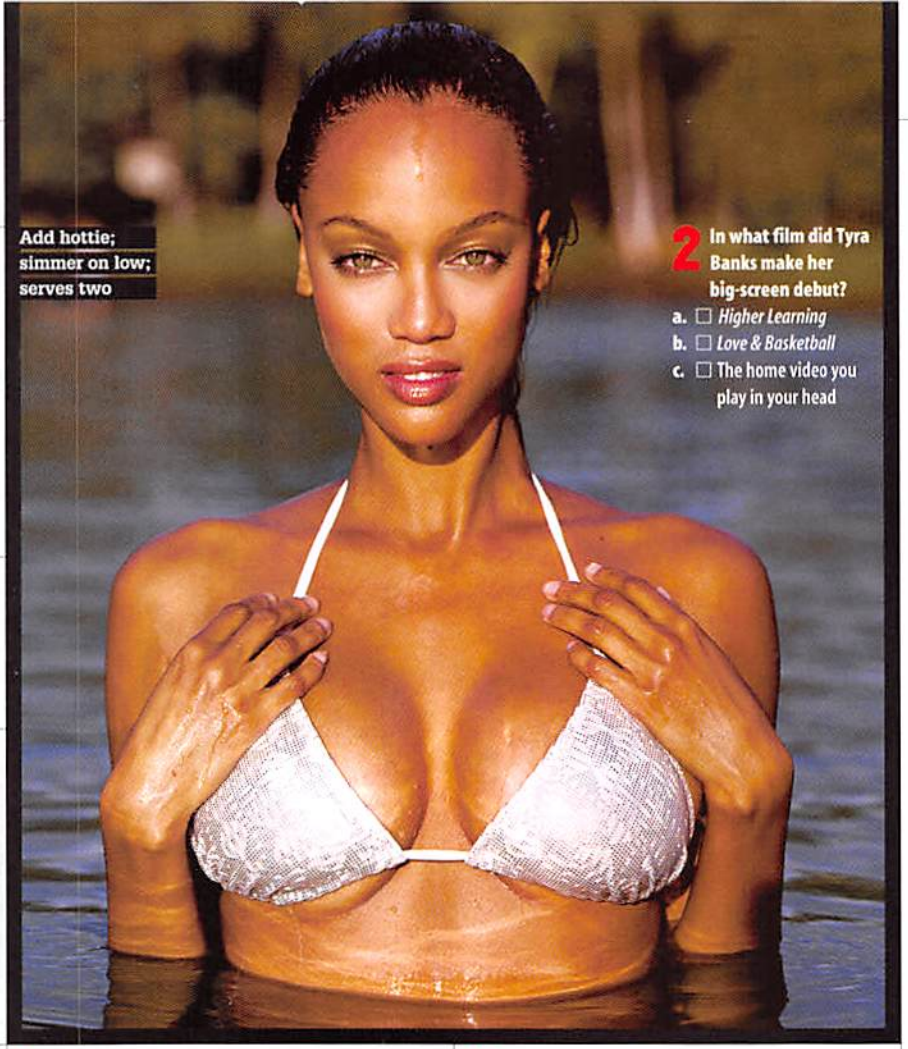

1 **Which TV weirdo is the father of Sean "that dude from *Rudy* and *Lord of the Rings*" Astin?**

a. Herman Munster b. Rod Serling c. Gomez d. Mork

2 **In what film did Tyra Banks make her big-screen debut?**

a. ☐ *Higher Learning*
b. ☐ *Love & Basketball*
c. ☐ The home video you play in your head

3. According to a date.com survey, which profile cliché of yours do women hate the most?

a. ☐ You "know how to treat a lady."
b. ☐ You "enjoy moonlit walks on the beach."
c. ☐ The part where you misspelled "intelligent."
d. ☐ Who cares? She's desperate.

4. What do you spend an average of nine minutes a day doing?

a. ☐ Waiting for Web pages to download (wink, wink)
b. ☐ Thinking of versions of delicious Scooby snacks
c. ☐ Sitting on the throne
d. ☐ Contemplating suicide

5. How many Trident missiles do Ohio class submarines typically carry?

a. ☐ 10
b. ☐ 24
c. ☐ 30

6. What's the best cure for a guilty conscience?

a. ☐ Confess and hope for the best.
b. ☐ Time plus alcohol plus dementia.
c. ☐ Keep lying until even *you* believe those crabs came from a toilet seat.

7. What does the sociological term "the Santa Claus effect" refer to?

a. ☐ Fat men having red noses after company parties
b. ☐ Teen girls' propensity for losing their virginity over the holidays
c. ☐ Americans' overspending on gifts out of guilt
d. ☐ A sexual predilection for covering oneself in soot and spending time with midgets

8. Would the world be a better place without mother jokes?

a. ☐ Good heavens, yes
b. ☐ Do you have a brother named Humphrey? 'Cause your mother is out on the corner yelling, "Humphrey, Humphrey!"

9 **Match the Journey cheesetunes to the movies in which they appear.**

a. "Don't Stop Believin'"	1. *Armageddon*
b. "Remember Me"	2. *Caddyshack*
c. "Only the Young"	3. *Monster*
d. "Any Way You Want It"	4. *Vision Quest*

10. Complete this quote from Norman Schwarzkopf: "Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your _____."

a. ☐ Accordion

11. How many possible poker hands are there?

a. ☐ 996,280
b. ☐ Around 2.5 million
c. ☐ More than five million

12. Which now-famous star was *not* in *Dazed and Confused* with cover girl Milla Jovovich?

a. ☐ *Jerry Maguire*'s Renée Zellweger
b. ☐ *Murder by Numbers*' Sandra Bullock
c. ☐ *CSI: Miami*'s Rory Cochrane
d. ☐ *Gigli*'s Ben Affleck

13. At what point would you rather pull buddy than bang your girlfriend?

a. ☐ After the 100th lay
b. ☐ After BJs are no longer part of foreplay
c. ☐ When you meet her shy, bi-curious younger sister with the ginormous rack

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